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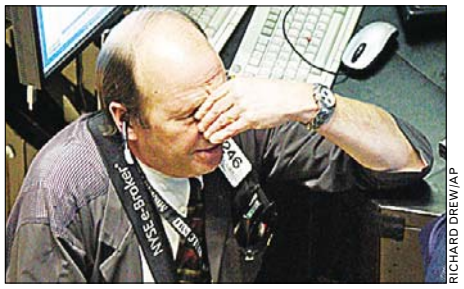
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Troops Crush Anti-Chavez Rally

CRACKDOWN: Soldiers use tear gas and plastic bullets to scatter protesters in Caracas, Venezuela, on Thursday. Thousands turned out to protest constitutional reforms that would let President Hugo Chavez run for re-election indefinitely. It was the biggest turnout against Chavez in months, and appeared to revive Venezuela's languid opposition at a time when he seems as strong as ever.

President Hits Dems On Terror

Bush compares opposition to those who ignored Hitler

WASHINGTON | President Bush compared Congress' Democratic leaders Thursday to people who ignored the rise of Lenin and Hitler early in the last century, saying "the world paid a terrible price" then and risks similar consequences for inaction today.

Bush accused Congress of stalling important pieces of the fight to prevent new terrorist attacks by dragging out and possibly jeopardizing the confirmation of Michael Mukasey as attorney general, a key part of his national security team; failing to act on a bill governing eavesdropping on terrorist suspects; and moving too slowly to approve spending measures for the Iraq war, the Pentagon and veterans programs.

"Unfortunately, on too many issues, some in Congress are behaving as if America is not at war," Bush said during a speech at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "This is no time for Congress to weaken the Department of Justice by denying it a strong and effective leader."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said lawmakers refuse to give Bush a blank check for "his directionless war" in Iraq and will not rubber-stamp his attorney general choice. (AP)

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10 People Ecstatic About $.20 Refunds

Pumpkins have won a Halloween reprieve from the tax man. After a backlash from pumpkin growers who feared a new tax would cut into their profits, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver on Wednesday ordered the Department of Revenue "to do the common-sense thing" and offer refunds for anyone affected by the "ridiculous" policy. The department implemented the tax this year after officials decided that pumpkins are used primarily as Halloween decorations, not food. Previously, pumpkins had been considered an edible squash and were exempted from the state's 5 percent sales tax. (AP)

SPIN

It Just Shows What a Good Listener He Is!

Australia's opposition leader lamented his past behavior on Wednesday, as images of him picking his ear wax in Parliament reached a growing audience via the Internet. The embarrassing footage was captured by Parliament's official television camera at least six years ago as Kevin Rudd, then a junior Labor Party lawmaker, sat in the House of Representatives listening to a colleague question a government minister. Rudd, who is likely to become Australia's prime minister next month, is seen in the background absentmindedly probing his left ear before apparently placing the same finger in his mouth. (AP)

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IT DRIVES

So Easy To Steal

A couple look at "Carcutter," a sculpture made of scrap metal and a car by artist Dillon McEwan. It is, says the artist, a statement that all things change and we must change with them. The art is part of Sculptures by the Sea in Sydney, Australia. (AP)

FORMULA

That Grand Larceny Is Smaller in Euros!

When police caught driver David Clarke flying down a road at 180 kilometers per hour this month, he looked likely to lose his license. But a country judge reduced the charge and let the 31-year-old information technology worker stay on the road after concluding the speed did not look as bad when converted into miles, or 112 mph. "I am not excusing his driving. He should not have been traveling at that speed," District Court Judge Denis McLoughlin said in his verdict, delivered Tuesday in County Donegal, Ireland. McLoughlin suggested it was relatively safe to have shattered the legal road limit at the time, citing good weather, light traffic and the road's unusual straightness. McLoughlin was quoted as saying the speed seemed "very excessive," but did not look "as bad" when converted into miles. He lowered the charge from driving dangerously to driving carelessly, and fined him 1,000 euros ($1,450); if convicted of the tougher charge, Clarke would have lost his license. The episode underscored Ireland's slow conversion to metric. The country switched its speed limits from miles to kilometers in January 2005, but most cars still display speeds principally in miles. (AP)

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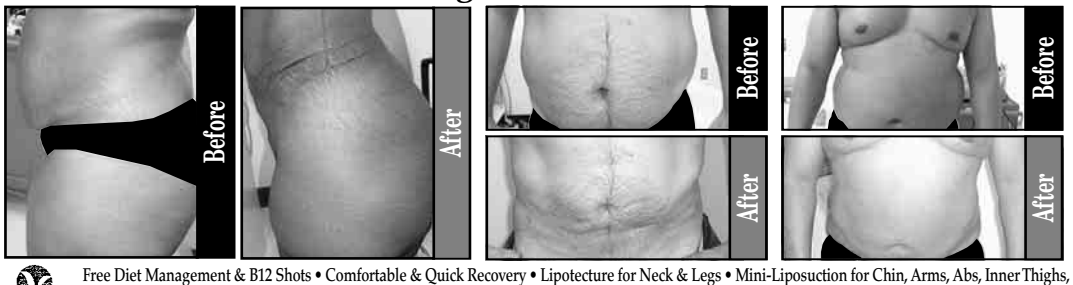

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SICK TOPPINGS: General Mills on Thursday recalled almost 5 million frozen pizzas sold under the Totino's and Jeno's label because of possible E. coli contamination. The voluntary recall covers pizzas containing pepperoni produced since July.

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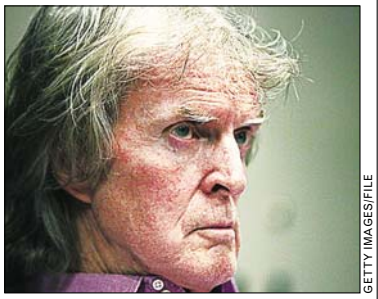

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Don Imus was fired by CBS Radio in April over a racially charged comment.

NEW YORK

Despite Controversy, Imus Will Return to Airwaves

Don Imus will return to the airwaves on Dec. 3, eight months after making a remark that once seemed certain to permanently silence his broadcasting career. Citadel Broadcasting made the announcement Thursday, confirming reports that Imus was coming back to morning drive time on New York-based WABC-AM. Imus was fired on April 12 by CBS Radio over a racial comment about a women's basketball team. (AP)

HOUSTON

Marine Corps Recruiters Punished for Cheating

The military has punished nine Marine Corps recruiters who arranged for stand-ins to take Armed Services entrance exams for new enlistees. The worst offender was discharged from the service while the remaining eight were reassigned and given non-judicial punishments, which could include fines and demotion. (AP)

Child Health Bill Faces Second Veto

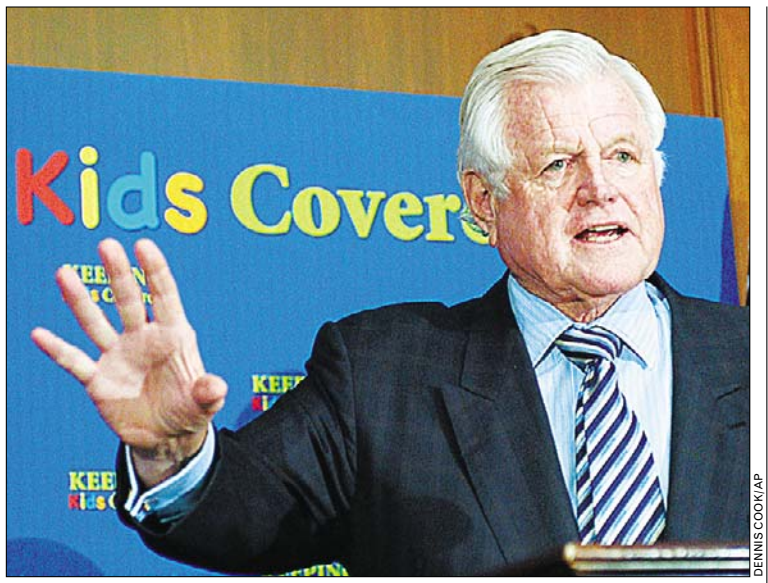
Congress defies Bush by approving funds for insurance program

WASHINGTON | A defiant Democratic-controlled Congress voted Thursday to provide health insurance to an additional 4 million lower-income children, ignoring President Bush's threat of a second straight veto on the issue.

The legislation cleared the Senate on a vote of 64-30. It passed the House last week, but supporters were shy of the two-thirds majority needed to override Bush's threatened veto.

"We're convinced that the president has undermined an effort to protect children," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said shortly before the vote.

But Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, said Reid had it wrong. "We must forge a bipartisan compromise to maintain current coverage and extend coverage to additional low-income children which the president can sign," he said.



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Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., discusses the children's health insurance program. A bill funding the program passed the Senate by a vote of 64-30 on Thursday.

In a situation of bewildering political complexity, Republicans dictated the decision to pass the legislation speedily. It appeared their goal was to short-circuit attempts by supporters of the bill to reach a compromise that could attract enough votes in the House to override Bush's veto.

Attempts by Reid to delay final passage of the bill until next week or longer drew objections from the GOP.

"I believe a deal is within reach," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who was involved in negotiations with two senior Senate Republicans, Sens. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Orrin Hatch of Utah, and several members of the House GOP.

Baucus said the negotiations would resume next week.

The legislation would add an estimated 4 million beneficiaries to an existing program that provides coverage for children from families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance. The program currently provides benefits to about 6 million children. DAVID ESPO (AP)

Birth Control in Schools Has Support

Poll: Americans favor providing students with contraception

WASHINGTON | Americans decisively favor letting their public schools provide birth control to students, but they also voice misgivings that divide them along generational, income and racial lines, a poll showed.

SEX EDUCATION

→ Less than 1 percent of middle schools and nearly 5 percent of high schools in the U.S. make condoms available to students, said Nancy Brener, a health scientist with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sixty-seven percent of Americans support giving contraceptives to students, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll. About as many — 62 percent — said they believe providing birth control reduces teenage pregnancies.

The 67 percent in the AP poll who favor providing birth control to students include 37 percent who would limit it to those whose parents have consented and 30 percent to all who ask.

Minorities, older and lower-earning people were likeliest to prefer requiring parental consent, while those favoring no restriction tended to be younger. People who wanted schools to provide no birth control at all were likelier to be white and higher-income earners. (AP)

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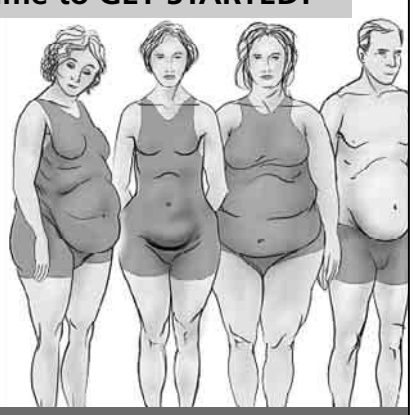

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41 | **The total amount, in billions of dollars,** the Federal Reserve pumped into the U.S. financial system on Thursday, the largest cash infusion since after the Sept. 11 attacks.

WWII A-Bomb Pilot Dies

Man insisted he did not regret dropping bomb on Hiroshima

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Paul Tibbets, who piloted the B-29 bomber Enola Gay that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, died Thursday. He was 92 and insisted for six decades after the war that he had no regrets about the mission and slept just fine at night.

Tibbets died at his Columbus home. He suffered from a variety of health problems and had been in decline for two months.

Tibbets had requested no funeral and no headstone, fearing it would provide his detractors with a place to protest, said Gerry Newhouse, a longtime friend.

Tibbets' historic mission in the plane named for his mother marked the beginning of the end of World War II and eliminated the need for what military planners feared would have been an extraordinarily bloody invasion of Japan. It was the first use of a nuclear weapon in wartime.

AP FILE

Col. Paul Tibbets stands in front of the Enola Gay at Roswell, N.M., in 1945.

The plane and its crew of 14 dropped the 5-ton "Little Boy" bomb on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945. The blast killed 70,000 to 100,000 people and injured countless others.

Three days later, the United States dropped a second nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, killing an estimated 40,000 people. Tibbets did not fly in that mission.

Tibbets, then a 30-year-old colonel, never expressed regret over his role. He said it was his patriotic duty and the right thing to do.

"I'm not proud that I killed 80,000 people, but I'm proud that I was able to start with nothing, plan it and have it work as perfectly as it did," he said in a 1975 interview.

He added: "I sleep clearly every night." JULIE CARR SMYTH

OKLAHOMA CITY | THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE

AP

OUTCRY WITH PATRIOTISM: Maricela Sarinana, left, Yoshio Paez, center, and Martha Aguilar, right, say the pledge of allegiance during a protest at the Oklahoma state Capitol on Thursday to denounce a new law that bars illegal immigrants from obtaining jobs and state assistance and makes it a felony to harbor or transport illegal aliens.

Surgeon Alters Man's Fingerprints

HARRISBURG, PA. | A plastic surgeon who replaced the fingerprints of an alleged drug dealer with skin from the bottom of his feet pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of harboring and concealing a fugitive.

Dr. Jose L. Covarrubias faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced on Feb. 11.

The charges stemmed from surgery Covarrubias performed on co-defendant Marc George, 42, of Jamaica. The doctor replaced George's fingerprints with skin from his feet to help him avoid apprehension, authorities said.

George, accused of being a drug and cash courier, paid the doctor about $20,000 for the surgery. (AP)

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World

MISSING FISH: More than one in three of Europe's freshwater fish species face extinction because ecosystems are being destroyed, the World Conservation Union said Thursday.

London Police Guilty in Tube Killing

$2.1M in damages ordered for shooting of innocent Brazilian

LONDON | London's police force was found guilty Thursday of endangering the public during a frantic manhunt for four failed suicide bombers that led to the killing of an innocent Brazilian man on a subway train.

Police had staked out an address belonging to two of the failed bombers at dawn on July 22, 2005. It was less than 24 hours after the attackers' devices failed to ignite on three subway cars and a double-decker bus. Police feared they were set on trying to strike again.

De Menezes

The manhunt unfolded with the British capital already on edge after four suicide bombers killed 52 commuters two weeks earlier.

The officers watching the building trailed Brazilian electrician Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, out of the apartments, suspecting he was one of the bombers. They followed him onto two buses, into a subway station and finally into a train. There, officers, believing he was a bomber, shot him seven times at close range in front of morning commuters.

On Thursday, a jury found police guilty of breaking health and safety laws. Judge Richard Henriques ordered the Metropolitan Police to pay a total of $2.1 million for breakdowns in the operation.

"One person died, and many others were placed in potential danger," Henriques said after the verdict.

The judge acknowledged the manhunt had been "a unique and difficult operation." "This was very much an isolated breach brought about by quite extraordinary circumstances," he said.

The force had denied the charge, saying the killing was an error, not a crime. Outside London's Central Criminal Court, police chief Ian Blair expressed "my deep regret" over de Menezes' death.

D'ARCY DORAN (AP)

Sex Case Exposes Rift in UAE

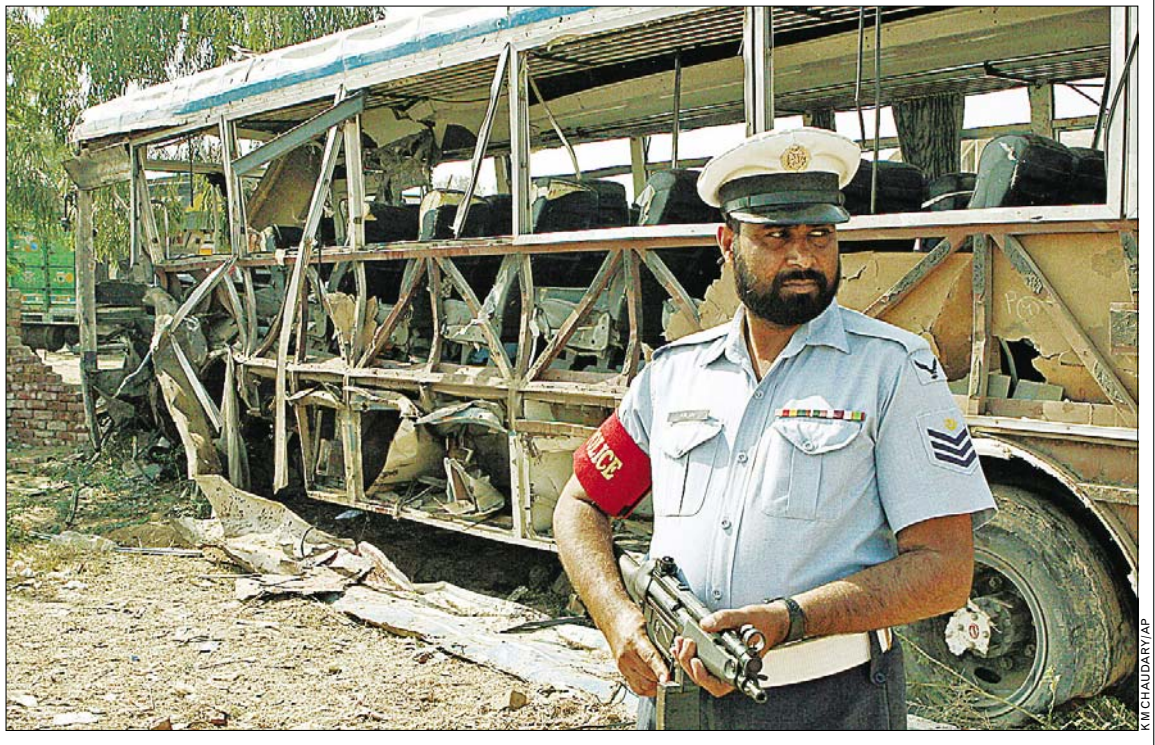
Teen's mother accuses officials of covering up defendant's HIV status

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | The mother of a 15-year-old French-Swiss boy who was allegedly sexually assaulted by two Emirati men accused authorities Thursday of lying about a defendant's HIV status to cover up the fact that AIDS exists in this booming Arab city-state. The case has exposed deep rifts over attitudes toward homosexuality and what critics call an outmoded legal system, mixing religious and tribal values.

Dubai officials have defended their handling of the case and said the teenager and his family were treated fairly.

The mother, Veronique Robert, a French journalist, told The Associated Press in Paris that she had obtained an official document, dated 2003, indicating authorities in the United Arab Emirates knew one defendant was HIV positive then.

Nevertheless, Emirates authorities told her and French diplomats on four separate occasions after the July attack that none of the three defendants was HIV positive, she said. "This was a lie of the state," Robert said. (AP)



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BLAST POINT: A Pakistani air force soldier stands in front of a bus damaged in a suicide bombing in Sargodha on Thursday.

Pakistani Clashes Leave 70 Dead

Amid rising tensions, Bhutto leaves country to visit family in UAE

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Helicopter gunships pounded pro-Taliban militants in the mountains of northwest Pakistan on Thursday, reportedly killing as many as 70 in an increasingly bloody conflict between the government and Islamist forces.

Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, meanwhile, flew to the United Arab Emirates to visit family two weeks after assassins tried to kill her when she returned from self-exile to lead her party in parliamentary elections. A spokesman said the ex-premier was expected back in a week.

Pakistan has been rocked by suicide bombings and clashes between security forces and militants in recent weeks, deepening unease ahead of a Supreme Court ruling on the validity of the Oct. 6 presidential victory by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally.

There are fears Musharraf could impose a state of emergency or martial law if the judges rule against another five-year term, jeopardizing the country's transition to civilian rule and perhaps worsening instability as the government confronts Islamic militants.

Government officials say militants account for most of 180 people killed in fighting around Swat since 2,500 militiamen from the region's paramilitary Frontier Constabulary deployed last week to tackle the followers of cleric Maulana Fazlullah.

ROBIN MCDOWELL (AP)

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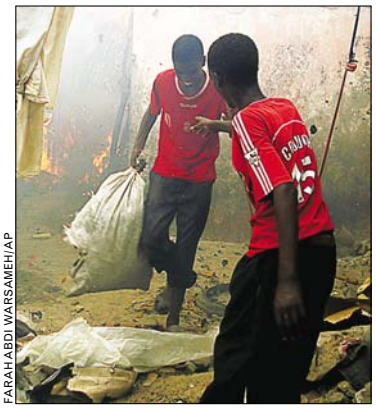

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Internally displaced Somalis try to flee with some of their belongings Thursday.

NAIROBI, KENYA

Almost 90,000 Somalis Flee Amid Surge in Fighting

Nearly 90,000 people have fled Somalia's capital in recent days in a massive surge of displacements following the heaviest fighting to shake the war-battered city in months, the U.N. said Thursday. The clashes — the worst between Islamic insurgents and Somali and allied Ethiopian troops since April — have emptied entire neighborhoods, sending 88,000 people streaming from Mogadishu over a three-day period starting Oct. 27, the world body said in a statement. (AP)

NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Noel Slams Atlantic Islands As Death Toll Rises to 107

Tropical Storm Noel drenched the Bahamas and Cuba on Thursday while rescue workers in the Dominican Republic headed out in boats and helicopters to reach dozens of communities isolated by floods and mudslides. The death toll in the Caribbean rose to 107. Noel on Thursday became the deadliest storm of the Atlantic region this year. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

2 Children Die in Raid

A nighttime raid in eastern Afghanistan by U.S. and Afghan troops sparked a gunbattle that killed three people, including two children, and the military said Thursday it was investigating the deaths. Civilian casualties have incited resentment and demonstrations against U.S. and NATO forces, though officials blame militants who use civilian homes as cover during clashes. (AP)

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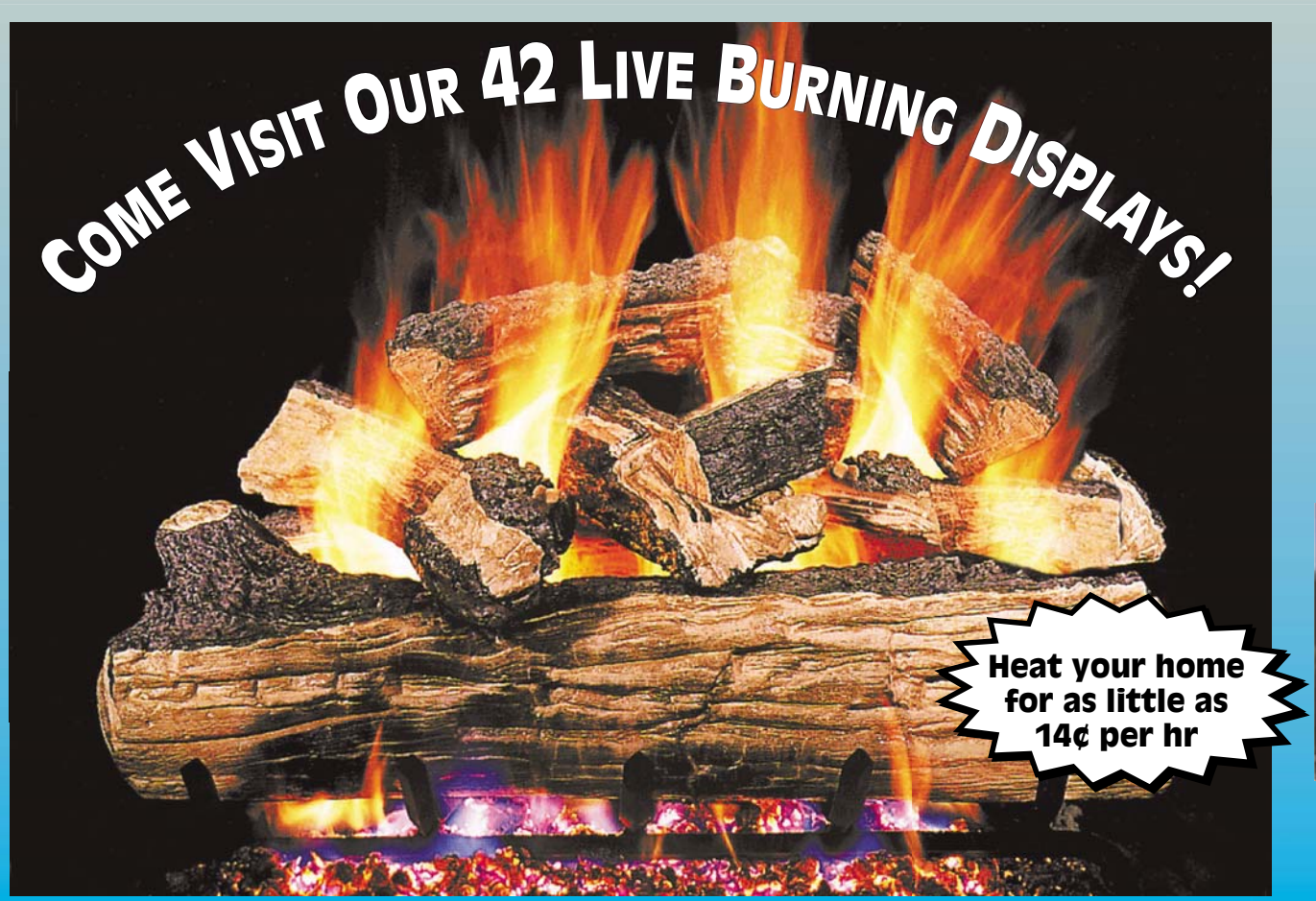

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Violence Kills 21 Across Baghdad

Military officials say U.S., Iraqi death tolls declined in October

BAGHDAD | Bombs and drive-by shootings killed at least 21 people across Baghdad and its northern belts Thursday, and the U.S. military announced the deaths of three more soldiers killed in combat in the country's north.

Five corpses were found in the capital — a low figure compared with the scores found daily several months ago.

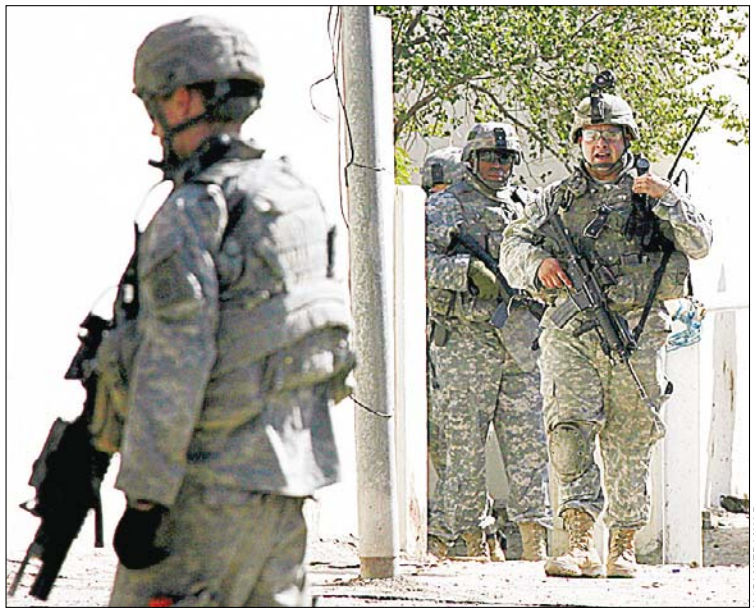
Thursday's tolls were in line with a trend borne out by Associated Press figures that show the number of Iraqi civilians who meet violent deaths fell sharply in October, as did the U.S. military death toll. The number of Iraqi civilians killed dropped from at least 1,023 in September to at least 905 in October, according to an AP count, and the number of American military deaths fell from 65 to at least 39.

America's No. 2 military commander in Iraq said Thursday that over the past three months, there has also been a sharp decline in the number of EFPs, or explosively formed projectiles, found across the country.

Speaking to Pentagon reporters by videoconference from Iraq, Army Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno said there were 30 EFP explosions in October and 23 more EFPs were found unexploded, for a total of 53. That compares with 99 in July, 78 in August and 52 in September, he said.

Meanwhile, Iraqi and American forces captured about 118 suspected insurgents in two days of raids in central and northern Iraq. U.S. troops killed 14 suspects during the operations, the military said.

LAUREN FRAYER (AP)



HADI MIZBAN/AP

U.S. Army soldiers secure an area after a roadside bomb blast in Baghdad on Thursday. The blast killed five people. At least 21 died across Iraq on Thursday.

IRAQ: BY THE NUMBERS

U.S. troop levels
- Oct. 2007: 170,000
- Jan. 2007: 130,000

Casualties
- U.S. military deaths: 3,838
- Injured U.S. troops: 28,385
- U.S. troop deaths in Oct. 2007: 39 (lowest since March 2006)
- Iraqi civilian deaths related to war violence: more than 75,000

Cost
- Military operations cost about $12B per month; Iraq accounts for $10B per month.

International refugees
- At least 2.3 million people have been displaced inside Iraq.

U.N.: Children in Chad Kidnapping Plot Not Orphans

N'DJAMENA, CHAD | Most of the 103 African children described as orphans from Sudan's Darfur region by a French charity that tried to fly them to Europe appear to have at least one living parent, U.N. agencies said Thursday.

The case prompted another African country, the Republic of Congo, to suspend all international adoptions, a decision one agency warned could have harmful repercussions for families seeking legitimate adoptions.

The French charity, calling itself Zoe's Ark, was stopped last week from flying the children from Chad to Europe, where the group said it intended to place them with host families.

Seventeen Europeans have been detained by Chadian authorities, including six French citizens who were charged with kidnapping.

The accused group says its intentions were purely humanitarian. (AP)

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A Conversation with Fernando Botero
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Artists' Reception
Tuesday, November 6, 6 – 9 p.m., American University Museum

Human Rights in a Time of War: A Film Screening and Discussion with *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib* Producer Liz Garbus
Presented by the SOC Center for Social Media and the WCL Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
Thursday, November 8, 5:30 p.m., Abramson Family Recital Hall

D.C. Poets Against the War: An Evening of Poetry
Saturday, November 10, 6 – 9 p.m., American University Museum

Training Symposium: Professional Responsibility After Abu Ghraib
Presented by SOC, SPA, and Kogod
Monday, November 12, 5:30 – 7:45 p.m., Weschler Theater, Mary Graydon Center 3rd Floor

Torture Around the World: A Panel Discussion
Presented by the WCL Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the International Human Rights Law Clinic, and the Kay Spiritual Life Center
Thursday, November 15, 6 – 9 p.m., American University Museum

Anthropologists Look At Interrogation, Abuse, and Human Rights: A Panel Discussion
Presented by the Department of Anthropology, CAS
Tuesday, December 4, 8:15 p.m., Abramson Family Recital Hall

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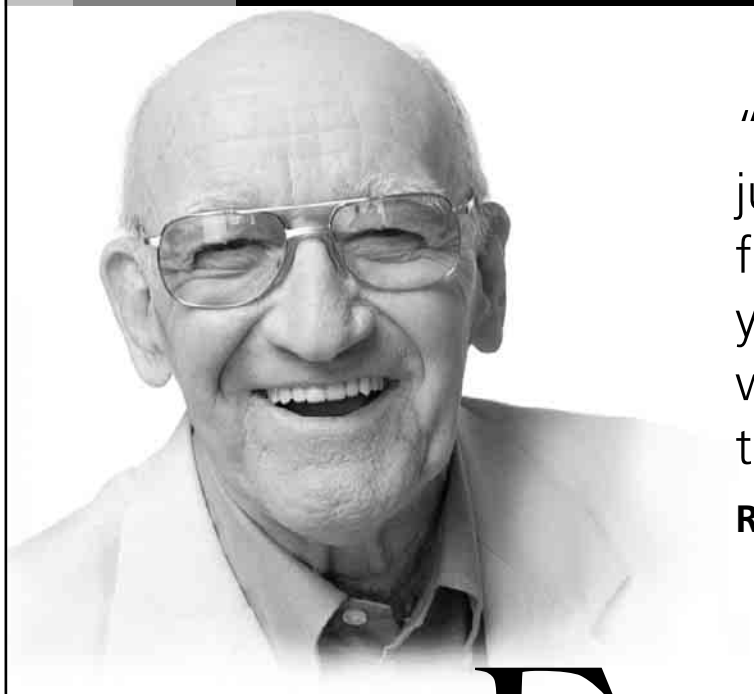

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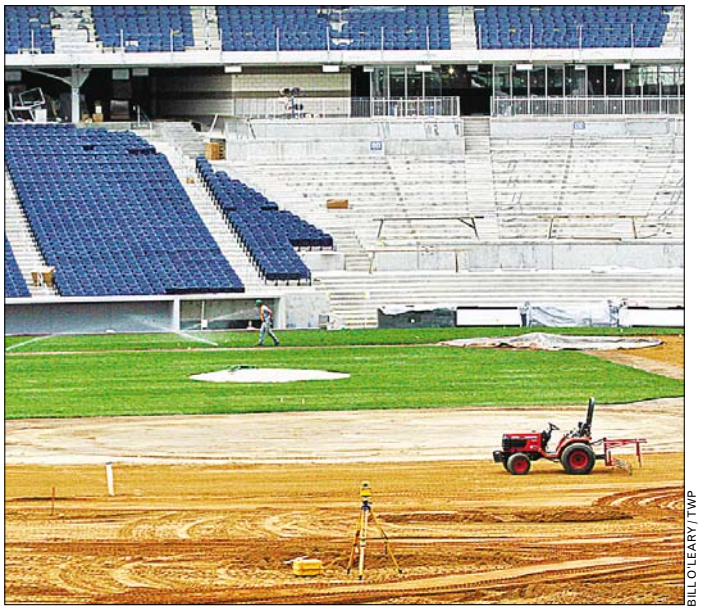
SMART MOVE: Twenty-six Giant supermarkets in the region are selling SmarTrip cards, the plastic rechargeable farecard that can be used on Metrobus and Metrorail. In addition, commuters can use the cards on regional bus systems, including Ride On, the Fairfax Connector and the DC Circulator.

Local

WASHINGTON | NEW SPROUTS IN SOUTHWEST



BILL O'LEARY / TWP

TAKING ROOT: The infield sod has been installed, and the dimensions and pitching mound are clearly visible at the Nationals' new stadium, which is under construction. The Southeast ballpark is due to open in April 2008.

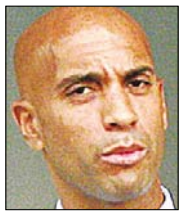
Taxi Fare Will Start at $4

Fenty sets April 1 as deadline for meters to be installed in cabs

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty announced Thursday that D. C. taxicabs must switch to time-and-distance meters by April 1, abandoning a decades-old and controversial system of zoned fares.

Fenty and D.C. Taxicab Commission Chairman Leon Swain Jr. said the price of a taxi ride would start with a $4 base charge, plus 25 cents for every sixth of a mile after the first sixth of a mile traveled.

That means a ride of two miles, without significant traffic or other factors, would cost a minimum of $6.75, compared to a minimum fare of $6.50 using the current system.



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But for every minute stopped in traffic, or traveled at a rate of speed slower than 10 mph, the rider will be charged an additional 25 cents — charges that do not exist in the zone system.

As in other cities, there will be myriad possible surcharges, including for rush hour, additional passengers, luggage, high fuel costs and snow emergencies. Those charges were also used for zones.

The Taxicab Commission will accept public comments on the new regulations over the next 30 days, officials said.

The regulations are scheduled to take effect April 1.

Taxi inspectors will conduct spot checks around the city. Drivers who do not comply with the new system will be subject to fines of $1,000.

Fenty announced two weeks ago that the city would change from the 70-year-old zone system to the much more common meters.

He said he is trying to polish the city's image and make it easier and more predictable for both residents and visitors to travel around the District. SUE ANNE PRESSLEY MONTES AND JOSHUA ZUMBRUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Va. Drug Dealer Sentenced to Death

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A drug dealer who 14 years ago fatally stabbed a single mother 82 times and left the bloody body in a bathtub to be found by her 1-year-old daughter was sentenced to death Thursday by a federal jury.

The death sentence for Thomas Morocco Hager, 34, of Washington, D.C., is the first to to be issued by U.S. District Court in in Alexandria since the federal death penalty was reinstated almost 20 years ago. Even al-Qaeda terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui was spared a death penalty by an Alexandria jury in 2006 and sentenced instead to life in prison. The jury deliberated for more than two days before reaching its verdict Thursday afternoon. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Nov. 1

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-9-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-2-1
Mid-day DC 4	9-3-1-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	5-4-7-6
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	1-9-22-26-29
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-3-8-13-17-23 Bonus: 38
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	8-9-13-18-24 (17)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	9-9-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	9-0-3-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-2-1-5
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-8-14-24-38 Bonus: 22
Lotto (Wed.)	7-11-21-22-38-39

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	0-7-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-2-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	5-0-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-3-9-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	7-17-24-26-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-10-18-24-28
Win for Life (Wed.)	13-14-22-26-27-34

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	6-16-18-29-37 (24)
Power Play	2X

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Money

Dow Plunges 360 Points

Fear over interest rate, slowing economy lead traders to pull back

NEW YORK | Wall Street plunged Thursday, pulling the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 360 points as investors found themselves confronted by two uncomfortable prospects: an end to interest rate cuts and a slowing economy.

Mindful of a warning from the Federal Reserve Wednesday about inflation, the market nervously watched the price of oil, which passed $96 per barrel overnight for the first time before dipping on profit-taking. The Fed, which cut interest rates a quarter point, said in a statement that inflation remained a concern, and oil's ascent to another record raised the possibility not only that the Fed might stop cutting rates, but that it might even consider raising them if inflation accelerates.

RICHARD DREW/AP

A trader suffers through a tough day, in which the Dow dropped 360 points.

Meanwhile, Wall Street also had to contend with concerns about a slowing economy. A report from the Commerce Department indicated consumers scaled back their spending in September as worries mounted about a worsening housing market and further credit market turmoil. And a trade group reported that manufacturing in the U.S. grew in October at the weakest pace since March.

The combination of factors led investors to pull back sharply from Wednesday's rally, in which the Dow climbed 137 points after the Fed said the economy had weathered the summer's credit crisis. (AP)

Chrysler to Cut 12,000 Jobs by '09

DETROIT | Chrysler LLC said Thursday it plans to cut up to 12,000 jobs, or up to 15 percent of its work force, as part of an effort to slash costs and match slowing demand for some vehicles.

The automaker will cut 8,500 to 10,000 hourly jobs and 2,100 salaried jobs through 2008.

The company already had begun cutting 1,100 temporary workers on Wednesday.

It will eliminate shifts at five North American assembly plants and cut four vehicle models from its lineup.

The cuts come in addition to the 13,000 layoffs Chrysler announced in February as part of a massive restructuring plan.

Those cuts included 11,000 production jobs and 2,000 salaried jobs. The new round of cuts was expected to involve buyouts or early retirement packages similar to those made in February.

Chrysler officials said falling demand for vehicles in the U.S. market made the cuts necessary. Chrysler's sales were down 3 percent in the first nine months of this year, according to Autodata Corp., and the company said it expects sluggish sales to continue in 2008. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WestwOne	2.46	+.32	+15.0
Cryolife	7.62	+.87	+12.9
Hornbeck	43.39	+4.29	+11.0
Culp Inc h	9.74	+.94	+10.7
UnumGrp	25.32	+1.98	+8.5

Losers

CrwfdB	5.10	-1.59	-23.8
CrwfdA	4.32	-1.29	-23.0
SecCapAs	10.12	-3.00	-22.9
AmbacF	29.57	-7.26	-19.7
AssuredG	18.60	-4.47	-19.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
UtdThrp	94.11	+25.67	+37.5
RespGen n	3.79	+.80	+26.8
Plexus	31.30	+5.50	+21.3
Flanders	5.73	+.82	+16.7
Iomai	1.85	+.03	+1.6

Losers

Crocs s	47.74	-27.01	-36.1
SmithMicro	10.75	-4.66	-30.2
VandaPhm	11.15	-3.85	-25.7
ChinaPrec n	6.45	-2.00	-23.7
GnCom	9.00	-2.73	-23.3

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-362.14	-64.29	-40.94
-2.60	-2.25	-2.64
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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.12	-.50	+11.1
Allergan s	66.72	-.86	+11.4
AstraZen	48.23	-.87	-9.9
BarrPhm	56.90	-.42	+13.5
BrMySq	29.16	-.83	+12.0
Cephln	72.41	-1.33	+2.8
ForestLab	38.63	-.44	-23.7
Hospira	41.26	-.07	+22.9
JohnJn	64.66	-.51	-2.1
LillyEli	52.77	-1.38	+1.3
Merck	57.36	-.90	+31.6
Pfizer	23.95	-.66	-7.5
SchergPl	29.59	-.93	+25.2
WarnerChil	18.06	-.47	+30.7
Wyeth	47.18	-1.45	-7.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4798	.4805	.5231
Canadian Dollar	.9473	.9459	1.1333
European Euro	.6915	.6895	.7827
Japanese Yen	114.92	115.31	116.89
Mexican Peso	10.6841	10.6811	10.7914
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On the Brink

D.C. preservationists work to save historic sites from destruction

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | It's impossible to miss all the construction projects going on in the District these days. With land at a premium, a new building going up often means an old one must come down. But some of those old buildings designated for the dustbin are more than just bricks and mortar.

To keep the most important buildings standing, the D.C. Preservation League works with the city's Historic Preservation Office and its Review Board, which is responsible for approving the demolition or extensive renovation of any potentially historic property in the city. Every year, the preservation league publishes a "Most Endangered Places" list to raise awareness about sites in peril. Here are a few of our area's endangered places:

JUANA ARIAS/FTWP

Neglect has left the D.C. War Memorial cracked and showing bacterial growth.

D.C. War Memorial

Despite its prime location south of the Reflecting Pool, the D.C. War Memorial is mostly overlooked by tourists and largely unknown to Washingtonians. Built in 1931, the elegant domed colonnade is the only World War I memorial here. Due to neglect, the marble is cracked and weathered and shows bacterial growth. The D.C. Preservation League has placed it on its annual "Most Endangered Places" list several times and has lobbied the National Park Service to restore it.

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Get a look at more of the region's endangered architecture, plus a few places that have been saved and ideas about how you can get involved in historic preservation.

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The 176-acre west campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital, a groundbreaking mental health facility established in 1855 under the guidance of advocate Dorothea Dix, is slated to become the new home of the Department of Homeland Security. For security reasons, the site will become off-limits to the public, preventing access to the historic buildings, a Civil War cemetery and a bluff known as "The Point," which boasts what some call the best panoramic view of the city.

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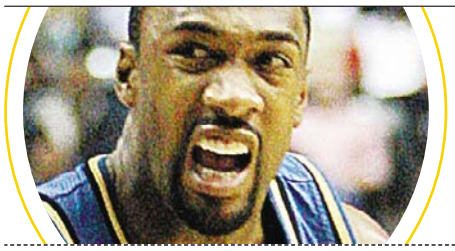

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Three for the Show: The Wizards' threesome faces Boston's new triple threat. We look at the three keys for Washington's season. | **20**

Sports Weekend

TV Lineup

JONATHAN NEWTON / TWP

It turns out Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is — what's the word? — good.

➜ **WEEK 9 EQUALS SUPER BOWL?** The way this game between the Colts and the Patriots has been hyped, it's hard not to think that it's the Super Bowl. Fortunately, there's more football after Sunday's game (4:15 p.m. on CBS).

➜ **CELTIC PRIDE:** Five-on-five will look more like three-on-three when Arenas, Jamison and Butler head to Boston to play the Celtics' newly formed top three of Pierce, Allen and Garnett on Friday (8 p.m. on ESPN). On Saturday, the Wizards host the Magic in the home opener (7 p.m. on CSN).

➜ **DISSENT WITHIN THE RANKS:** Arizona State has gone 8-0 to get to No. 4 in the BCS. But can they get through the Ducks, who are No. 5 in the BCS but two spots ahead of the Sun Devils in the AP poll, on Saturday (6:40 p.m. on ESPN)? Alabama coach Nick Saban has the tough job of trying to knock off his old team, No. 3 LSU, on Saturday (5 p.m. on CBS).

Saban

➜ **PHOTO FINISH:** Jeff Gordon is clinging to his lead in the Nextel Cup Series with Jimmie Johnson just nine points behind. The Dickies 500 is in Fort Worth, Texas, on Sunday (3:30 p.m. on ABC).

➜ **RAMBLIN' MEN:** After a shaky road trip, the Caps will head for familiar ice when they host the Flyers on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN+).

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RUNNING OUT OF ROOM: Relying on the running game is no longer an option, as the Redskins' fear of flying is catching up to them.

Truly Offensive

The Redskins need to beef up their aerial attack — and quickly

REDSKINS | They aren't open. Or they're overthrown. Or the game plan isn't working.

The Redskins have one 3,000-yard passing season in this millennium, one 300-yard passing game in the last 13 months and exactly zero touchdown passes to receivers this season.

Washington players and coaches have preached faith in the system the last two years. They said sooner or later, it's going to come around.

It's clearly going to be later.

The Redskins (4-3) are 28th in the league in offense and have the eighth-worst passing attack.

But by all accounts, it appears they'll stick to the current conservative offensive course when they travel to the Meadowlands to play the Jets on Sunday.

"We're putting everything behind us in the past and starting from scratch again," said quarterback Jason Campbell. "We started the season pretty hot, moving the ball really well. We kind of hit a stopping point.

"We're too talented on offense to be where we are in the league."

That's what many others thought, too.

"When you have the total package ... you can't cover everybody," Santana Moss said after Washington's victory over Philadelphia in Week 2. "I feel we have a lot of guys that have to be reckoned with."

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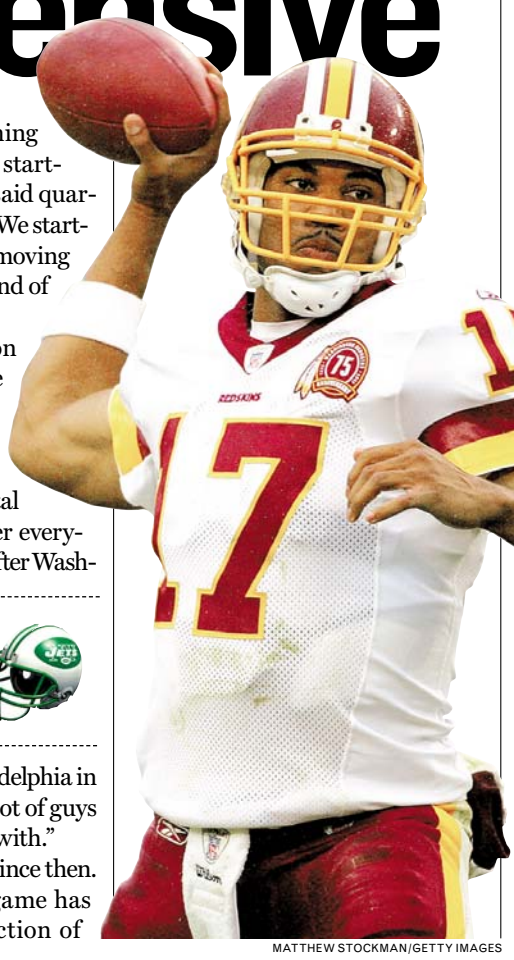
But a lot has changed since then. Washington's running game has fizzled since its destruction of Detroit in Week 5, and the passing game hasn't been able to prop the team back up.

At this point, shifting identities actually seems daunting. While fans and players may long to open the offense up, that would expose Campbell behind a banged-up offensive line, thus risking more turnovers.

But if they continue their conservative, punchless approach, they'll have to hope their defense can make big plays and then try to sit on the ball long enough to preserve victories. That's a tough task, considering Washington averages just 3.5 yards per carry.

New York is seeking an offensive spark as well from second-year quarterback Kellen Clemens.

"They're looking for a spark," Redskins defensive end Phil Daniels said. "They're going to run the same offense. You've just got to go out and stop them." ERIC BRANDNER



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Three Burning QUESTIONS

1 Are they running for cover? The Redskins will have to replace cornerback Carlos Rogers, who is out for the year with a knee injury. How will that affect the secondary?

2 Are the Pats in the past? Washington got crushed last weekend in New England. Can they really forget about what happened? "Win or lose, you have to forget about it," linebacker London Fletcher said.

3 Which receiver will rule? Washington traded Laveranues Coles for Moss three years ago and were rewarded with a Pro Bowl season by Moss. But both have been banged up this year and Coles could sit.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | **Fighting Chance** We all know Steve Spurrier has his own style. Apparently, that style includes sending one of your own players to a certain death, or at least a vicious beating. Spurrier said if Georgia had staged a mass celebration against his Gamecocks, as they did with the Gators last weekend, he would have sent "out one of his third-team guys and get in a wrestling match with the guys, get a fight started." The logic being that all of Georgia's players would get suspended for leaving the bench during a fight. (AP)

What to Watch For

WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL

LG Pete Kendall vs. NT Dwayne Robertson

Three months ago, Kendall was complaining more than Redskins fans after a 52-7 loss, and the Redskins were desperate for an experienced offensive lineman to replace the departed Derrick Dockery. The veteran lineman was likely never going to crack back into the starting lineup in New York, but he's been solid for the Redskins, whose makeshift line has used more parts than a slice of scrapple. The Redskins seem to indicate they want their offense to pound the football, but Robertson is a genuine run-stuffer. At 6-foot-1, 317 pounds, he is a massive body in the middle, and he just eats up blockers like cheeseburgers since he's 317 pounds, we're just assuming he eats cheeseburgers). IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

Kellen Clemens has thrown one TD and four interceptions in three games this season.

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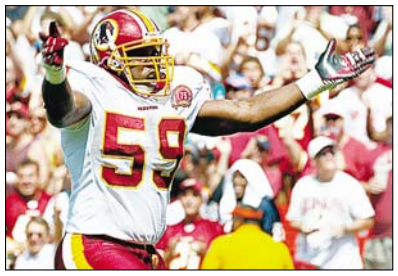


WHEN THE JETS HAVE THE BALL

QB Kellen Clemens vs. MLB London Fletcher

Clemens was not good last week — terrible, in fact. And that was against the Bills. Logic says he'll be worse against the Redskins, a good defensive team whose statistics are hurting a little bit after last week's debacle. But the Browns are good and so are the Texans, so the NFL has showed repeatedly this season that logic is irrelevant. Plus, Clemens' breakout performance came against the Ravens in Week 2. He threw for 260 yards and a touchdown while nearly leading his team to overtime. If he found a way to exploit Ray Lewis and the Ravens, then why not Fletcher's Redskins? With 15 tackles last week, the Redskins' middle linebacker continues to impress — even when his team doesn't.

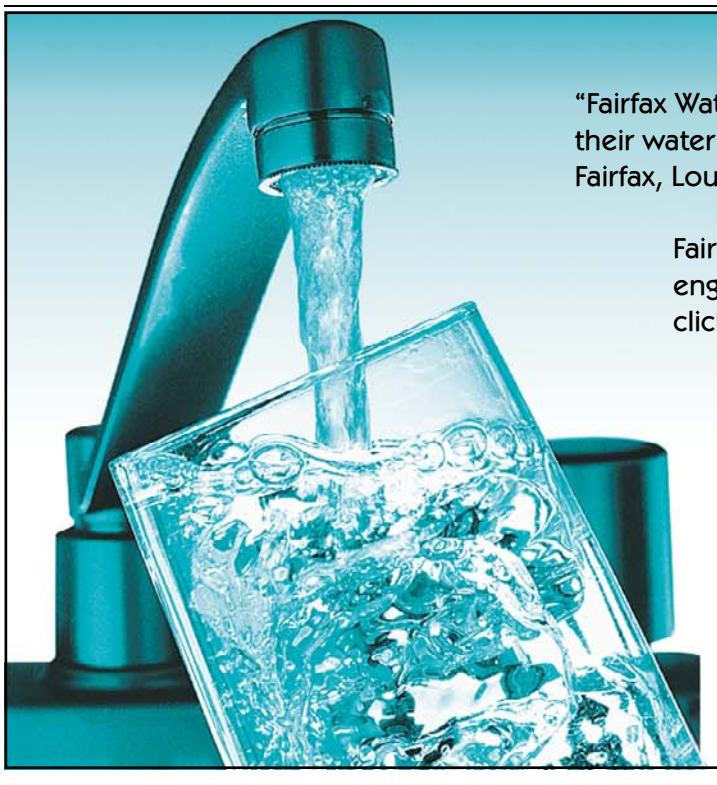
X Factors

→ Jets WR Jerricho Cotchery

Though Laveranues Coles has six touchdowns to Cotchery's one, it's the Jets' second receiver who leads the team in receiving yards with 592 and catches with 46. Plus, Cotchery has caught at least five passes in all but one game this season. Add that to the fact that Coles is still nursing a concussion, and the conclusion is that Cotchery will be the one to stop. We know it certainly won't be Jets running backs Thomas Jones and Leon Washington, who have one touchdown between the two of them.

→ Redskins S LaRon Landry

After two relatively quiet games against the Lions and the Packers, Landry has stepped up his game in the last two weeks. The rookie safety who plays opposite Sean Taylor had nine tackles against the Cardinals and a career-high 15 last week against the Patriots (including 11 solo). He hasn't gotten into the backfield that often this year, registering just one sack, because the Redskins have been content to let the front four apply most of the pressure.



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REDSKINS (MINUS 3.5) AT JETS	**REDSKINS** This could honestly be one of the most boring games of the entire NFL season.	**REDSKINS** The Jets have one of the NFL's worst run defenses. Good week to pound the ball.	**REDSKINS** J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jetszzzzzzzzzzzz.	**REDSKINS** The Redskins are facing Kellen Clemens this week, not Tom Brady.
RAVENS (PLUS 9) STEELERS	**RAVENS** Whoever made this spread obviously forgot that Baltimore's defense is good.	**RAVENS** The Ravens have been a disappointment, but how is this a nine-point spread?.	**RAVENS** Whoever set this spread needs his/her brain ripped out with a garden hose.	**RAVENS** The Ravens have lost both road division games, but it's a big spread.
PATRIOTS (MINUS 5) AT COLTS	**PATRIOTS** You really think the Pats are going to let the Colts beat them four straight times?	**PATRIOTS** If the Patriots win, it'll be by more than five. Though that's a big "if" in Indy.	**PATRIOTS** It's time we sent the Patriots to destroy the Iraq insurgency once and for all.	**COLTS** Just for the heck of it, let's make a lot of people wrong.
JAGUARS (PLUS 3.5) AT SAINTS	**SAINTS** The Saints officially join the playoff race after topping the beat-up Jaguars.	**SAINTS** Reggie Bush is playing like Reggie Bush. And Matt Jones is playing like Matt Jones.	**JAGUARS** It's the Quinn Gray bandwagon, and I'm in the driver's seat! Who's with me? Eh?	**JAGUARS** The Saints are finally playing the way the were supposed to, but the spread is too big.
COWBOYS (MINUS 3) AT EAGLES	**COWBOYS** As sickening as it is to say, Dallas is the class of the NFC this season.	**EAGLES** Philadelphia doesn't look like much, but Philly is always a tough place to play.	**EAGLES** The Eagles, with a shocker. Hopefully, Garrett Reid's cellmate lets him watch.	**COWBOYS** Another road favorite, probably the last chance for the Eagles in the NFC East.
CARDINALS (PLUS 3.5) AT BUCS	**CARDINALS** Despite its 3-4 record, Arizona is probably better than the 4-4 Bucs.	**CARDINALS** Don't know anything about either team? Read up. They're both in the NFC hunt.	**BUCCANEERS** At this point, the Cards should just choose a fan from the crowd to be QB.	**CARDINALS** The Bucs are sliding.

SEASON TALLY | **Matt Swenson: 19-18-4; Ian Herbert 17-20-4; Celebs: 25-21-6; Dave Goldberg: 16-12-2; Leader: Mark Plotkin (4-1)**

Big Picture Forms

November's opening weekend should help clear some things up

COLLEGE PICKS | The Pac-10's best bet to play for a national title will likely be decided Saturday in Eugene, Ore. In Tuscaloosa, Ala., the Crimson Tide's new coach has a shot to ruin his old team's season.

The college football season begins its stretch drive this weekend, the first of November. The picks:

➜ **WISCONSIN** (PLUS 15½) at **NO. 1 OHIO STATE.** This is the first of two home games for Buckeyes before the finale at Big House ... **OHIO STATE, 35-14.**

➜ **FLORIDA STATE** (PLUS 6½) at **NO. 2 BOSTON COLLEGE.** BC's Matt Ryan leads the ACC with 2,433 yards passing ... **BOSTON COLLEGE, 26-14.**

ROB SCHUMACHER/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/AP

Arizona State coach Dennis Erickson has the surprise Sun Devils undefeated.

➜ **NO. 3 LSU** (MINUS 7) at **NO. 17 ALABAMA.** The Tigers have won three straight in Tuscaloosa ... **LSU, 30-24.**

➜ **NO. 6 ARIZONA STATE** (PLUS 7) at **NO. 4 OREGON.** The road team has won four of last five meetings ... **OREGON, 33-21.**

➜ **NEBRASKA** (PLUS 19) at **NO. 8 KANSAS.** Another team the Huskers used to dominate — not so much anymore ... **KANSAS, 40-20.**

➜ **NO. 14 TEXAS** (MINUS 3) at **OKLAHOMA STATE.** The Longhorns must win to have shot at the Big 12 title game ... **TEXAS, 33-27.**

➜ **NO. 15 MICHIGAN** (MINUS 4) at **MICHIGAN STATE.** Mike Hart and Chad Henne should be back for the Wolverines, which could spell trouble for MSU ... **MICHIGAN, 30-23.**

➜ **NO. 21 WAKE FOREST** (PICK) at **VIRGINIA.** The Demon Deacons have won six straight overall ... **WAKE FOREST, 22-19.** RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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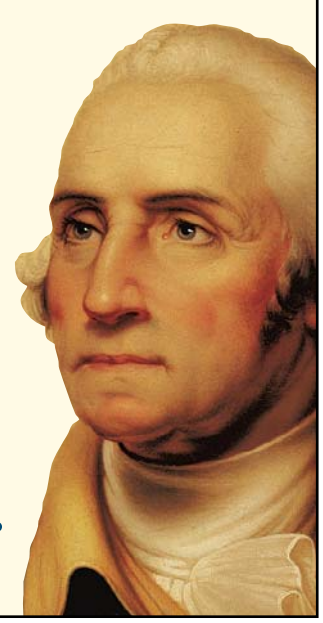

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Heading into Thursday night's game, Alex Ovechkin led the Caps in goals and points.

Caps' Ovechkin Earns That 'A'

Washington's star gets high marks for focusing more on 'D'

CAPITALS | It should come as no surprise that after 11 games, Alex Ovechkin led the Washington Capitals in goals (eight) and points (15) by comfortable margins. And it did not surprise anyone who watched the club's 7-1 demolition of Toronto last Monday that Ovechkin paced the visitors with two goals.

The change has come on the other end of the ice, where after two seasons of inconsistent and occasionally indifferent defensive performances that occasionally drew the ire of coach Glen Hanlon, Ovechkin has emerged as a player committed to all aspects of his game. Heading into Thursday night's contest at Madison Square Garden, he was third on the Caps (5-6-0) with a plus-3 rating (compared to a minus-19 last year) and has been playing meaningful minutes toward the end of close games. Washington hosts Philadelphia (7-3-0) on Friday.

Ovechkin set the tone in the home opener, falling to the ice and blocking a shot to preserve a shutout.

"To me, the key point is when your top player can play that well defensively and preserve a lead and you're playing him every second shift in the last 10 minutes and he's out there 6-on-5 doing these things, that's what turns organizations around," Hanlon said, invoking the names of former Detroit star Steve Yzerman and Tampa Bay's Vincent Lecavalier, whose notable two-way play was key during runs to the Stanley Cup.

Now an assistant captain, Ovechkin clearly desires greater responsibility. "It's a great feeling when the coach trusts you, team trusts you," he said. "I use this chance, when I get on the ice — when empty net — I don't think about goal. I think about don't lose the puck."

Owner Ted Leonsis said his star's defensive commitment may be a product of his increasing comfort with an organization that seems more interested in winning, as evidenced by last week's signing of Alexander Semin to a new two-year deal.

"I think Alex [Ovechkin] has taken it to another level as well," Leonsis said. "He wants to be the best player in the world, and that's what they do." BRIAN STRAUS

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Terps Are Terminal

Players are going down left and right, and they aren't getting back up

TERPS FOOTBALL | The injuries are well documented. There have been broken legs and rattled brains and a whole slew of maladies in between.

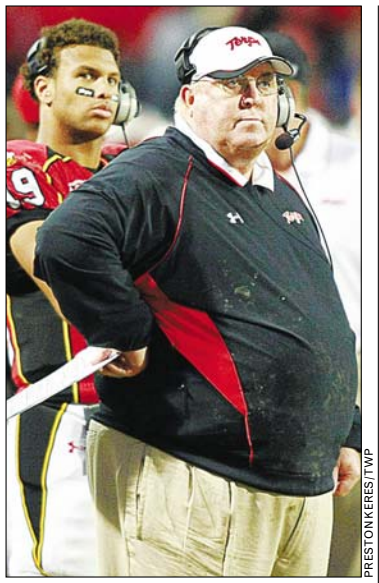
All phases of the Maryland Terrapins' team have been affected, but none more so than the offense. The quarterback went down, then four offensive linemen and the fullback.

The effects are showing on the field. The Terrapins (4-4, 1-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) scored just 17 points per game in consecutive losses to Virginia and Clemson, more than a touchdown off their previous season average. The last loss essentially ended any hopes for an ACC title.

And the effects now are showing on Ralph Friedgen's face, as well. The head coach and offensive coordinator's demeanor was one of weariness and resignation this week.

"It is what it is," Friedgen said, not for the first time. "Each play is a survival test."

The coach admitted that the constant depth-chart fishing brought on by injuries has affected his play-calling during games. There may be a play he'd like to run, but personnel limitations tell him that it's not a great idea.



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As players go down, coach Ralph Friedgen is having more trouble calling plays.

"What I'd like to do is not have to worry about all that and have our starting team back, which I thought was pretty good," Friedgen said. "And I thought they were getting better and I was hoping this time of year, we'd be really peaking. That's not to say we still can't."

It is what it is.

Whether Maryland is able to run or pass successfully this week at North Carolina (2-6, 1-3) may come down to matchups.

"Coach Friedgen is always going to work to the strengths of the team," center Edwin Williams said. "We may have to end up doing some things that we don't naturally do. … We're trying to break tendencies, and that's always a good thing."

DEREK TURNER

Three Burning QUESTIONS

1 Can the Terps pass for a TD? Maryland hasn't thrown a touchdown pass since Oct. 6, and only three of Maryland's 24 scores have come in the air. "We, as receivers, have to make bigger plays to get those 40-yard touchdowns," TE Joey Haynos said.

2 Will the "D" play for Cosh? Second-year coordinator Chris Cosh is coming under the microscope the more his unit struggles.

3 Will Carolina play the patsy? The 2-6 Tar Heels may be just what the Terrapins need to regain confidence and momentum with two victories still needed for bowl eligibility.

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

Saunders Has Been a Disaster

WHEN JOE GIBBS ANNOUNCED this week that the Redskins' offense was starting over — the second time he has done so in two seasons — he might as well have admitted that bringing Al Saunders in to run the offense was a mistake.

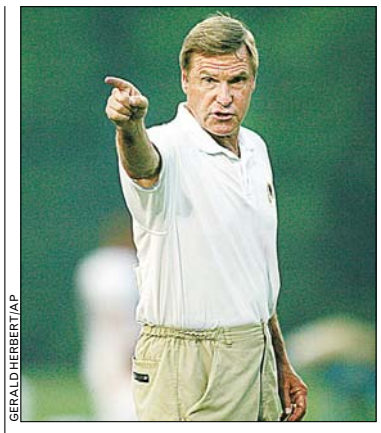
The experiment so heralded 21 months ago is a failure. But blaming Saunders alone for the stagnant offense is too easy and unfair.

While learning from the same coaching tree, Saunders and Gibbs seem to have different offensive philosophies that they haven't reconciled. Based on the conservative play-calling, Gibbs must still be running the show.

Never mind that Saunders is paid $2 million — that's Dan Snyder's problem. The concern is that the two coaches' differing ideals are doing more harm than good.

In Saunders' 23 games in D.C., the Redskins have averaged fewer than 19 points per game. While an improvement over Gibbs' first year back (15 points per game) that sum pales in comparison to the first Gibbs regime.

Washington averaged almost 34 points per game in 1983, 27.5 per contest in 1991 and a little more than 25 per game in 1987, three years that the Redskins made the Super Bowl. Even 1982's (Gibbs' first championship) relatively low 21-point average overshadows this year's 18.4-point output. The only glimmer of the old Redskins was in 2005 — a playoff year in which the team scored more than 30 points in five games and averaged 22.4 points throughout the season.



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In 23 games, Al Saunders' Redskins have scored fewer than 19 points per game.

Gibbs figured out the new NFL, but then hired Saunders only to realize doing so was a mistake.

The charade should end. If Gibbs wants to run the offense, so be it. Either way, put the two-headed beast out of its misery.

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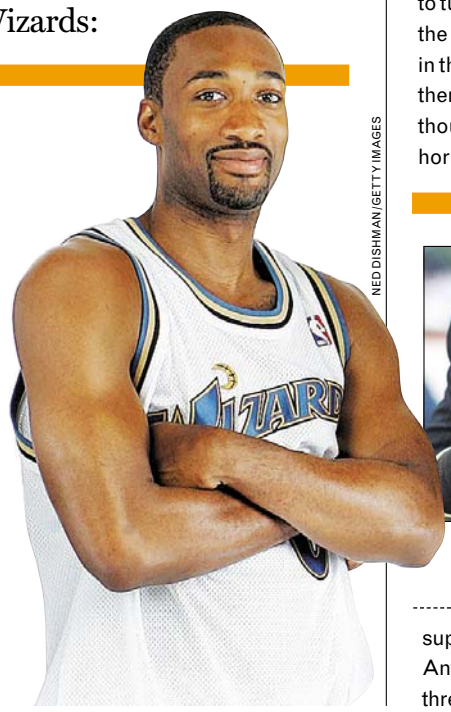
THE REAL 'BIG THREE'

It's just the second game of the year for Washington, and it's clear that Friday's game against the Celtics and Boston's new big three won't make or break either team's season. But in the long run, how the Wizards finish the year might have a lot to do with how they match up with Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce. Here's a look at three other factors that should help decide the fate of the Wizards:



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1 SAME OLD STORY

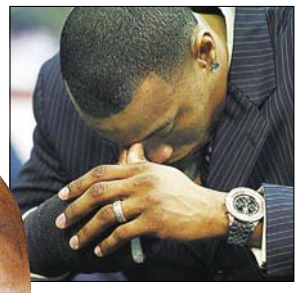
The Celtics went out and got Allen and Garnett. The Magic, who the Wizards host in Saturday's home opener, acquired Rashard Lewis. The Heat picked up Ricky Davis. OK, that one doesn't matter. But the point is the East is better this year than it was last year. The Wizards? Like last offseason, they didn't do much, choosing instead to keep their core guys together. The starting five is the same as it was much of last year — and the rotation doesn't include any new faces either, other than the rookies. "I think that's what the best teams have, from the beginning of time," coach Eddie Jordan said. "If you keep your core group together, you're going to have a chance for success."

2 NOVEMBER REIGN

Not wanting to repeat last year's slow start when the team started 5-9 in November and lost its first eight road games, the Wizards preached getting off to a fast start this year. Oops. Wednesday's opening night loss at Indiana (when the Pacers were playing without Jermaine O'Neal) was probably not what they had in mind. Last year's team was able to turn things around and head into the All-Star break with the best record in the East. But they don't want to put themselves in that position again. "I thought our November last year was horrible," Jordan said.

JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

Jordan expects more this November.



Arenas, left, and Butler were both injured late last season.

3 AVOID THE BUG

There's probably not much the Wizards can do about this one — unless the team wants to tell Caron Butler not to try to block a layup from behind or ask Gilbert Arenas to refrain from boxing out. Those injuries in the second half of last season were really the downfall of the Wizards, who lost 16 of their final 20 games last year including a playoff sweep at the hands of the Cavaliers. Jordan said he was pleased with the effort his team put in without the superstars — Jamison led all scorers except Kobe Bryant in the playoffs, and Antonio Daniels played 44 minutes per game — but a team that relies on its big three can't expect to do much without two of them. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

Joe Torre Moves West to Manage L.A. Dodgers

BASEBALL | Joe Torre was hired Thursday to manage the Los Angeles Dodgers, taking the job two weeks after walking away from the New York Yankees.

Torre

Torre moved from one storied franchise to another, getting a three-year contract. He takes over a team that finished fourth in the NL West this season and hasn't won the World Series since 1988.

The 67-year-old Torre becomes the Dodgers' eighth manager since they moved west from Brooklyn for the 1958 season. Torre grew up in Brooklyn, rooting for the rival New York Giants and detesting the Dodgers.

After turning down a one-year deal to return to New York, Torre was hired by the Dodgers on the same day the Yankees formally introduced Joe Girardi as their manager. JOHN NADEL (AP)

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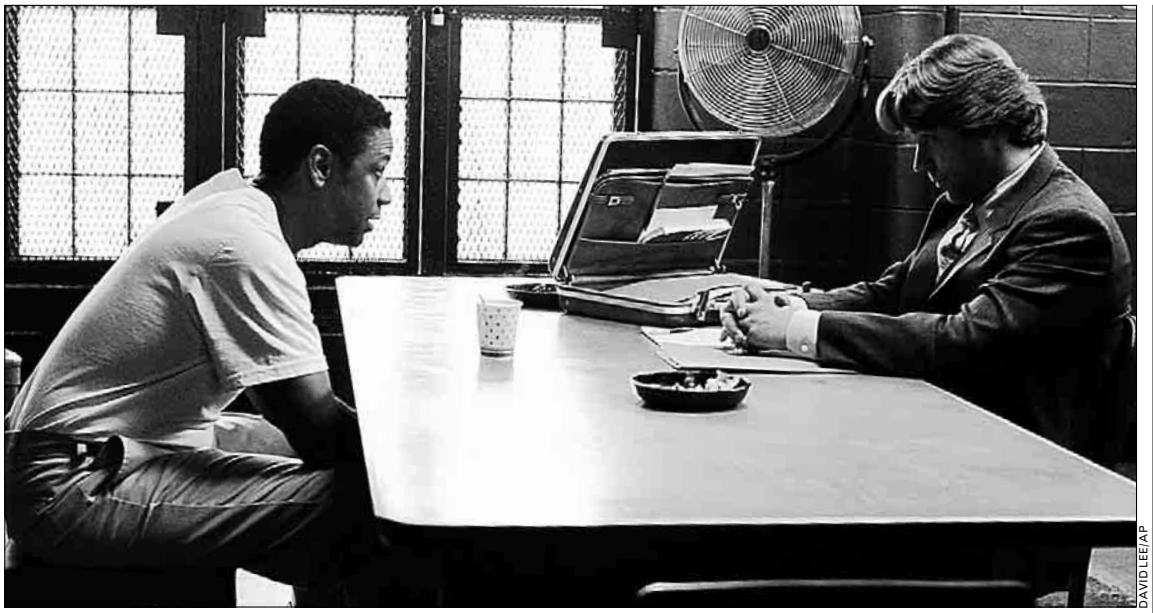

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COPS AND DEALERS: Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas, left, and Russell Crowe as Richie Roberts in "American Gangster."

Harlem Godfather

Denzel owns his role in a gangster flick of epic proportions

FILM | So, perhaps "American Gangster," Ridley Scott's much-anticipated mobster epic, doesn't have a single original idea in its head, with its unshakable shades of "Scarface" and "Serpico" and "Superfly." And maybe it's a half-hour too long — this time of year, what film with awards ambitions isn't?

But it's exceptionally crafted and superbly acted, with the on-screen combo of Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe unsurprisingly proving impossible to resist, even though it takes about two hours for their paths to cross.

That's one of the more compelling elements of the film, written by veteran Steven Zaillian ("Schindler's List") and based on a New York magazine article by Mark Jacobson. Washington, as real-life heroin kingpin Frank Lucas, and Crowe, as detective Richie Roberts, are on a collision course with one another that's bursting with the gritty period atmosphere of 1970s Harlem.

Washington simply radiates as Frank, returning comfortably to the charismatic bad-guy territory that earned him an Academy Award in "Training Day." And Crowe, who earlier this year was the one playing the stylish villain you love to root for in the remake of "3:10 to Yuma," is just as powerful as the bulldog on the right side of the law.

That their characters' personalities are such complete opposites may be a bit too obvious, as is the fact that they clearly share a rigid moral code. Both men inhabit their roles so fully, though, they make such shortcomings easy to overlook.

After toiling loyally for years as the driver to distinguished gang lord Ellsworth "Bumpy" Johnson, Frank steps in and takes over the neighborhood after the old man's death. A North Carolina native, he is nattily attired and exceedingly polite, even as he shoots a rival in the head on the sidewalk in broad daylight, but he's also given to flashes of rage in the face of impropriety. That personalized sense of right and wrong, coupled with his Southern-boy charm, serve him well as he builds his own unique empire.

Reveling in wretched excess is, of course, one of the main points of a film like "American Gangster" — the clothes, the homes, the naked women cutting up mounds of powder surrounded by stacks of cash — but so is the down-and-dirty thrill of the hunt. Scott steadily propels both men's stories toward one another until the tantalizing moment when they finally meet. Then all falls silent and still. It's a breathtaking scene but it's also one of the few you're likely to remember in a film that can otherwise be so derivative. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Kids Think the Darndest Things

The kid in 'Martian Child' thinks he's from another planet

FILM | Martians have landed, or at least one Martian. Instead of slimy and tentacled as in "The War of the Worlds," this Martian is cuddly, adorable and just troubled enough that John Cusack can't help but want to kiss away his psychological boo-boos and play dad to him.

To borrow a line from Mr. Potter, the richest and meanest man in town in "It's a Wonderful Life," "Martian Child" is sentimental hogwash.

But hogwash redeemed to an extent by the soothing, compassionate father-son dynamic Cusack strikes with his favorite Martian, 10-year-old Bobby Coleman.

Coleman plays Dennis, an orphan who's convinced he's a Martian on an information-gathering mission to Earth.

ALAN MARK FIELD/AP

Bobby Coleman, upside down, and John Cusack star in "Martian Child."

The kid spends his days inside a giant cardboard box to shield himself from harmful solar rays.

Enter science fiction writer, widower and former child misfit David Gordon (Cusack).

With all the plot contrivances in place, David and Dennis naturally form an immediate connection.

They stumble through awkward growing pains. They share tender moments. And they lure the audience to an inevitably sappy climax. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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DREAMWORKS ANIMATION

CELEBRITY VOICES: Seinfeld is joined by Hollywood heavyweights in "Bee Movie."

A Pesky, Tired Tale

Its overused plot gives 'Bee Movie' an instant disadvantage

FILM | Following "Antz," "A Bug's Life," "Flushed Away" and this summer's "Ratatouille," "Bee Movie" is yet another animated flick with a starry cast in which a creature that ordinarily would seem pesky is rendered as not just harmless but even lovable and idiosyncratically human.

Enough already.

There is zero life left in this concept, even if it does spring this time from the fertile mind and absurd sensibility of Jerry Seinfeld.

The comic co-wrote, co-produced and stars in this colorful jaunt as a bee named Barry, who dares to leave the tradition and rigidity of New Hive City for the vast unknown of the outside world — specifically, the corner of 67th and Columbus on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Seinfeld's longtime stomping grounds on TV and in real life.

Sound familiar? This DreamWorks Animation release shares almost the same premise as Pixar's "Ratatouille." It's an unfortunate coincidence, because clearly both films were years in the making. But the similarity serves as a reminder of the superiority of Pixar's animated offerings — their substance, character development and heart.

What distinguishes "Bee Movie" somewhat is that it's flooded with Seinfeld's sense of humor — his trademark observations on the ridiculous minutiae of our daily lives. That should keep his fans, and adults in general, relatively entertained.

Instead of settling into a cubicle, Barry, a recent college graduate, boldly goes on a flight with the tough-guy pollen jocks, the only ones allowed outside the hive, who collect nectar and pollinate flowers and look cool in their aviator sunglasses.

He meets and falls for a kind-hearted florist named Vanessa (Renee Zellweger), who spares him from being squished on the coffee table by her meathead boyfriend. Then she helps him sue the entire human race after a trip to the grocery store provides the shocking revelation that people are stealing the bees' honey, putting it in jars and selling it.

There is an actual trial (John Goodman plays the bloviating defense attorney; Oprah Winfrey lends her voice as the judge) with jurors and TV news coverage and Barry taking notes on a tiny legal pad. And this is where the movie takes an irretrievably silly turn, even for Seinfeld's peculiar universe. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Souls Sold for Profit

Corruption rules in 'Before the Devil Knows You're Dead'

FILM | Has a strip mall ever felt as bleak and sorrowful as the one that provides the scene of the crime for "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead"?

Whatever disdain one may harbor for strip malls — and who doesn't? — they can at the very least offer an alternative environment for families that mistake shopping for bonding. But family, and the core ideals that hold them in place, are blown to smithereens by the robbery at the ravaged heart of Sidney Lumet's scalding new thriller.

Heart is difficult to locate in the unholy mess of a man that is Andy, the Manhattan realty accounts manager portrayed with thrilling intensity by Philip Seymour Hoffman. Even Andy wouldn't know where to find his: He's too medicated from frequent visits to a high-rise opium den, costly escapes that have eviscerated his six-figure salary and, along with it, whatever dreams he has nurtured about running off to Brazil with his malcontent wife, Gina (Marisa Tomei).

WILL HART

THICK AS THIEVES: Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke conspire.

Who but a heartless son could connive to rip off his own parents' jewelry shop as a way of correcting his debt and manipulate his financially insolvent kid brother, Hank (a persuasively sap-headed Ethan Hawke), into doing the dirty work?

Before one weeps for Hank's lost innocence, it should be known that he is fooling around with Andy's wife while big brother is off cooking the company books and zoning out on smack. Hank himself has an ex-wife and daughter who he is not providing for and is so spineless on other fronts that he ropes the bartender at his workplace (the redoubtable Brian F. O'Byrne) into accompanying him on the heist.

To state that things go bad would be like saying Bugs Moran and his gang got an unexpected gift from Al Capone on Valentine's Day. Where a more conventionally minded crime drama would slowly build to the big heist, Lumet (renovating an original script by playwright Kelly Masterson) spills the fateful event into our laps in the opening half-hour. He then keeps returning to the strip-mall incident, refreshing and building upon it via new camera angles, as the circumstances preceding the event and the terrible consequences come into greater focus.

JAN STUART (NEWSDAY)

DOCUMENTARY | YOUNG AND ABSTRACT

MARK AND LAURA OLMSTEAD

ARE THESE AUTHENTIC CHILD PRODIGY? I DON'T DO FAUX: "My Kid Could Paint That" is an uneven documentary about the world of modern art and whether a 4-year-old girl named Marla Olmstead did or did not paint a series of abstract canvases that were getting adult-sized prices. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Nightlife Agenda

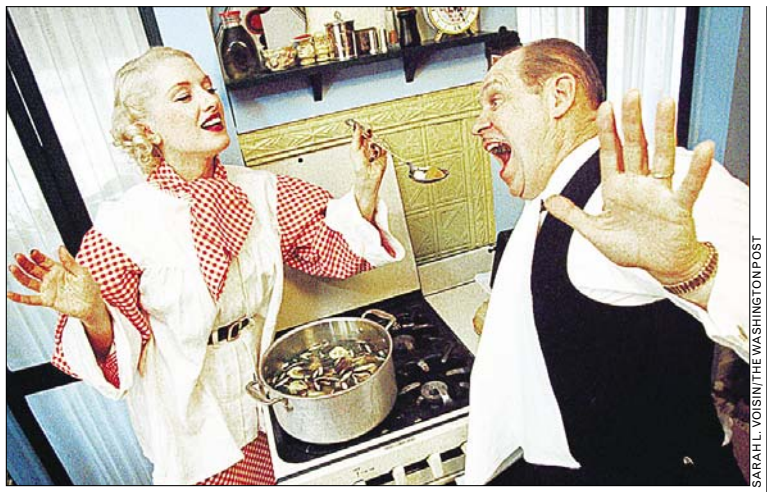
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

If the brand-new **CARLYLE CLUB** wasn't built with Doc Scantlin and His Imperial Palms Orchestra in mind, it may as well have been. Alexandria's new supper club, inspired by legendary art-deco nightspots in New York and Chicago, features beautiful leather banquettes, rich accents and dozens of tables with a view of the stage, which is big enough for an 18-piece band. That view's important, because Scantlin is nothing if not the area's consummate showman. Dapper in a tux and tails, he leads his famed orchestra through versions of Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington hits, but also serves as ringmaster for the whole production, which includes songs performed by his wife, Chou Chou, whose breathy croon recalls Marilyn Monroe and Betty Boop, and showgirls performing elaborate dance routines. The whole production is one of the most fascinating nights out in Washington. Scantlin will be at the club both Friday and Saturday this weekend. Admission is $85 for the early 7:30 p.m. show and a four-course dinner, while $35 will let you watch from the bar. The late show, which begins at 10 p.m., is $25 for general admission seating. Dress sharp.

SATURDAY

You can pretty much camp out at the **9:30 CLUB** tonight for nearly eight hours and gorge yourself on international future soul and jazzy downtempo soundscapes. Start out the evening with an early show with two bands fronted by women whose stage energy is so powerful it's almost mystical. Baltimore's Fertile Ground continues to weave spirituality, jazz fusion and soul into recordings and performances that keep them in demand internationally. Lead vocalist Navasha Daya is the light that makes the band's top flight rhythm and horn sections sparkle. Zap Mama, the world music ensemble led by Marie Daulne, brews a stew of polyrhythms, multiple western and indigenous languages, funk, hip-hop and electronica into a whirlwind theatrical experience. Catch a breather from those two high-energy bands, maybe cop a meal around U Street, and then return for the Swedish duo Koop's retro-yet-futuristic mix of beat science and jazz, performed by their electronically augmented swing orchestra. DJ Christine Moritz drops nuanced rhythms as hors d'oeuvres before the main course.



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SWINGERS: Doc Scantlin and wife Chou Chou head the Imperial Palms Orchestra.

The tiny Dominican Republic, which shares an island with Haiti, produces a disproportionate number of major league baseball players, including Washington's Wily Mo Pena, Cristian Guzman, Jesus Colome and manager Manny Acta. Still, our favorite Dominican exports are delicious Brugal rum and killer merengue music. You can get samples of both — as well as the Dominican's "national beer," Presidente — Saturday night at **AVENUE.** The party's called "Quisqueya La Bella," which means "Beautiful Quisqueya" — the name the island's original inhabitants used. DJs spin merengue, perico ripeao (a traditional type of merengue), salsa and bachata on one floor, while hip-hop and reggaeton are played in other parts of the three-story club. There's an open bar from 10 to 11 p.m., and you can get on the guest list for free admission by hitting Primop.com.

If you've been noticing more hirsute men around town lately — say, the guy with the waxy Rollie Fingers-esque mustache on the Metro this morning, or dudes rocking the oh-so-sexy Tom Selleck look — it may be because of a charity event called the Glorious Manpageant. Participants in this annual contest have been cultivating their facial hair for a month, growing it in the style of a pre-selected "Mustache Hero." Saturday night, they show it off at **TOM TOM,** strutting down a catwalk, answering questions from judges and even having a drink thrown in their face "to establish the quality of 'stache when wet." It's all great fun, but even better, the $10 cover charge (and the competitors' $50 entrance fee) all goes to local charity Capital Queen for a Day. You benefit with $3 draft beers, wine and rail drinks all night.

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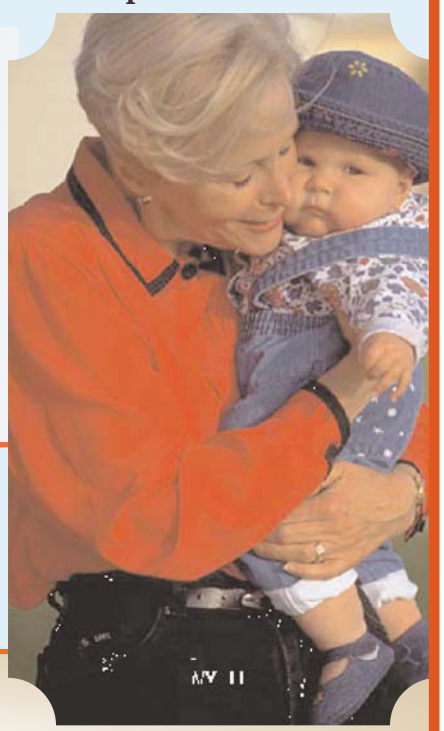

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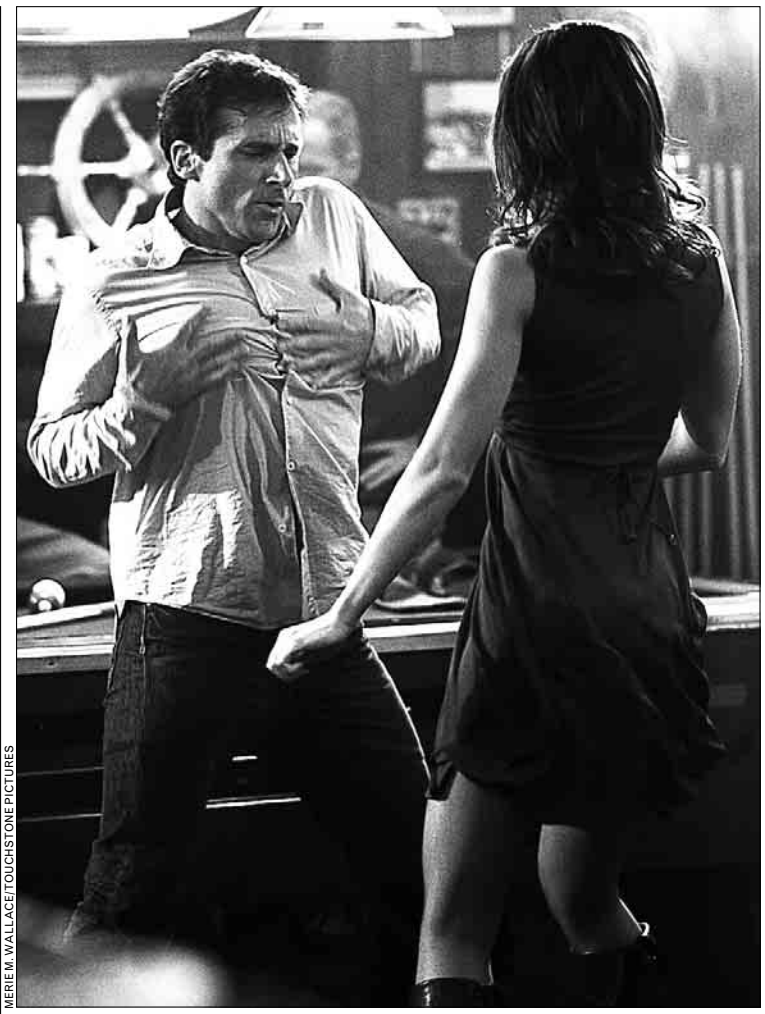
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13, 133 minutes) In this movie, Julie Taymor — the creative genius behind Broadway's "The Lion King," the visionary director of "Frida" and "Titus" — has shoehorned, contorted and otherwise bullied some of the Beatles' greatest hits into a vapid Hollywood musical; it's the kind of project that must have looked great on paper, but on-screen, not so much. Evan Rachel Wood plays Lucy, an innocent high school kid in the early 1960s; Jim Sturgess plays Jude, a Liverpool lad who has just arrived in America and has befriended Lucy's brother, Max (Joe Anderson). They three friends wind up in Greenwich Village at the height of the era's cultural and political upheaval, occasionally breaking into song. (AH)

BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT (R, 157 minutes) Ridley Scott's 1982 "Blade Runner," starring Harrison Ford as 21st-century detective Rick Deckard, is returning to the big screen with a remastered director's cut. The movie has been completely restored with improved special effects, and includes added and extended scenes that Scott created for the 25th-anniversary edition.

THE COMEBACKS (PG-13, 84 minutes) Between the "Scary Movie" comedies and the "Hot Shots" parodies, what movie genre or subgenre is not left to spoof? Why, the cheesy sports movie! And a ripe one for mockery it is, with those cliched melodramas about down-and-out coaches, triumphant half-time locker room speeches and the even-athletes-must-hit-the-books moral message. But this comedy, starring David Koechner as the morally oblivious coach who takes over the Comebacks, a Texas college team of misfits based on those "Friday Night Lights"-type movies, isn't the one to do it. The creative team behind the camera, including director Tom Brady, is light on experience, and it shows. Even a blind pig can find an acorn, so every once in a while there's a chuckle. But most of the time, we are watching a sorry comedic team making fun of a sorry football one. (DT)

DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13, 95 minutes) Steve Carell plays a newspaper advice columnist and single dad who falls in love with his brother's girlfriend during a weekend at the family beach house. Carell and Juliette Binoche, who plays his love interest, remain oddly passive figures within an emotional matrix that seemingly knows no boundaries: Filmgoers haven't seen a family this neurotically enmeshed since the last Diane Keaton movie. The movie ends happily, but only in the most notional sense; a truly satisfying conclusion would be for the title character to break free of his overbearing relatives and get his own life — real or otherwise. (AH)



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LIVIN' IT UP: Steve Carrell and Emily Blunt get their groove on in "Dan in Real Life."

THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R, 91 minutes) Writer-director Wes Anderson has carved out a niche as American cinema's most eccentric, lyrical poet of family dysfunction. He's at it again in this film about three brothers searching for spiritual meaning in India. Jason Schwartzman, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play Jack, Peter and Francis Whitman, respectively, who haven't seen one another since their father's funeral a year earlier. Francis has organized a train trip through India to re-bond. Against the extravagant backdrop of India's deeply saturated palette and densely woven textures, the Whitmans try to find themselves — and one another — in a series of alternately wry and wrenching encounters. The movie isn't deep; its fey humor and obvious metaphors will surely provide ample fodder for Anderson's detractors. But it has its charms, chief of which is watching three terrific actors evince with unforced ease the rewards and resentments of brotherhood. (AH)

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG-13, 114 minutes) This sequel overdresses and ultimately abandons what drew us to its 1998 predecessor in the first place: an intimate embrace with history. We are left choking in the billows and folds of Queen Elizabeth I's fabulous finery without a single insight into the woman among them, let alone the most celebrated period in English history. Where "Elizabeth" powerfully evoked the interior struggle of a woman (Cate Blanchett) determined to save herself and England from the shackles of Catholic rule, this film externalizes her maturation into the country's most beloved monarch. It seems Elizabeth's reign wasn't so much about resolving matters of the heart (she has a quasi-romance with Sir Walter Raleigh, played by Clive Owen), maintaining the love of her people, dealing with her scheming cousin Mary Queen of Scots and defeating the Spanish Armada, so much as wearing the right costume for the right event. (DT)

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO (Unrated, 95 minutes) This is an entertain-

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ing and even moving exploration of the sometimes frayed intersection where Christianity meets homosexuality. It follows a number of evangelical families, each with a child who is gay. Basically, the film argues that homosexuality is a natural genetic condition and, as such, should be accepted as normal by all. But it's never strident or chest-thumping, and its methodology is superbly thought out. (SH)

THE GAME PLAN (PG, 110 minutes) This movie, featuring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as star quarterback Joe Kingman, follows familiar formulas and characters but is brightened by a bit of wit and good performances. Kingman has such a swollen ego that he tries to be a one-man team. He has turned his ultra-cool bachelor pad into a shrine to himself and the other King, Elvis. Then, just as his team is entering the playoffs, 8-year-old Peyton Kelly (Madison Pettis) arrives on his doorstep, claiming to be the daughter he never knew he had. Will Joe learn to be a team player and a good dad? Will his bulldog wind up in a pink tutu? The story includes one or two too many life lessons, but the Rock and Pettis work well together, and it turns out he can actually deliver a sweet version of "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" (MM)

GONE BABY GONE (R, 120 minutes) One of the great pleasures of mystery writer Dennis Lehane and of the movies derived from his books — "Mystic River" and now this film — is sense of place. The books are like a tour of back-alley, blue-collar Beantown; spend time with them in any form and you start swallowing your r's, then spitting them out as h's. That's what makes this movie, directed by Ben Affleck, such a pleasure. Two detectives, Patrick Kenzie (Ben Affleck's gifted younger brother, Casey) and Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), are brought in on a case that has the neighborhood and the cops tied up in knots. A beautiful child is missing, and immediately a generally unasked question arises: Do the social marginals deserve the same protection and service from the cops that more respectable, bourgeois citizens do? The movie is really Casey Affleck's, but the real star is Boston's seamier side, vividly evoked. (SH)

INTO THE WILD (R, 140 minutes) Sean Penn sings a powerful and poetic hymn to America with his sweeping, sensitive and deeply affecting adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book. Penn, who wrote and directed the screen version, has preserved the book's most iconic, even mystical, values while carefully whittling away Krakauer's multi-layered narrative to focus on its confounding protagonist: Chris McCandless, the 23-year-old who embarked on a 113-day sojourn in the Alaska backcountry that ended in his death. Emile Hirsch plays McCandless, putting himself through the kind of punishing physical challenges and transformations Robert De Niro has made famous. The film is far more than the story of an idealistic, doomed young man and instead turns into a portrait of an alternative America, that scruffy, feisty frontier populated by outlaws and vagabonds and spiritual seekers. It's a big, beautiful picture, all the more so for inviting everyone, regardless of political position or philosophical bent, to see themselves. (AH)

THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13, 106 minutes) Based on Karen Joy Fowler's novel of the same title, this movie follows five women (and a man one of them drags along) as they make their way through Jane Austen's six novels, their own lives taking on resemblances to the author's heady plots. Kathy Baker, Amy Brenneman and Maggie Grace are each terrific in their respective roles, but it's Maria Bello and Emily Blunt who steal the show. Everyone is given their due and dignity in this funny, sexy, humanist film that, if it is a chick flick, gives the genre a good name. (AH)

THE KINGDOM (R, 111 minutes) One electrifying performance becomes the only saving grace of this goofy action movie that tries to marry the blitzkrieg entertainment of "Rambo" to the cultural consciousness of "Syriana." That acting turn comes from Middle Eastern actor Ashraf Barhom, who plays a sympathetic Saudi Arabian police officer caught between two incompatible cultures. When a terrorist bombing takes the lives of 200 American oil workers, their families and Saudi locals at an American compound in his country, he is forced to babysit four American FBI agents — played by Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Chris Cooper and Jason Bateman — who have come over to investigate. As Col. Faris Al Ghazi (Barhom) and the Americans chafe in their observational corners, they hit upon a plan to outwit the royals and take charge of the case. Barhom, as Faris, is 100 percent seduction, but what reaches us most powerfully is his spiritual intensity, as he negotiates a politically impossible situation — and one nutty film. (DT)

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13, 106 minutes) Ryan Gosling plays Lars, a misfit

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NASTY FUN: Jude Law is a struggling actor with questionable intentions in "Sleuth."

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in his mid-20s who lives in the garage of his childhood home. Lars's brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and his wife live in the main house, and despite repeated invitations to join them for meals, Lars keeps obstinately to himself. He clearly has issues, which finally bubble to the surface when he orders a life-size sex toy over the Internet, names her Bianca and presents her to everyone as his new girlfriend. As Lars quietly comes to the psychic break -- or breakthrough -- that has been looming, his family, friends and neighbors seem to embody the notion of the compassionate response, going along with the narrative he's inventing as if in recognition that love means indulging one another's most necessary illusions. Of course the real key is Gosling. His performance is a small miracle, not only because he's so completely open as a man who's essentially shut off, but because he changes and grows so imperceptibly before our eyes. (AH)

LUST, CAUTION (NC-17, 158 minutes) This film by director Ang Lee is set in Japanese-occupied Shanghai of the 1940s. Mr. Yee (Tony Leung) is the debonair but ruthless head of security for the

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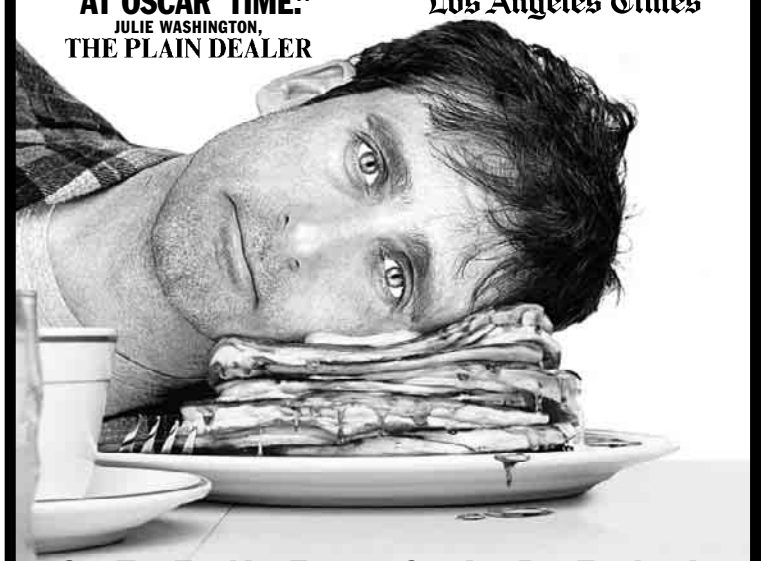

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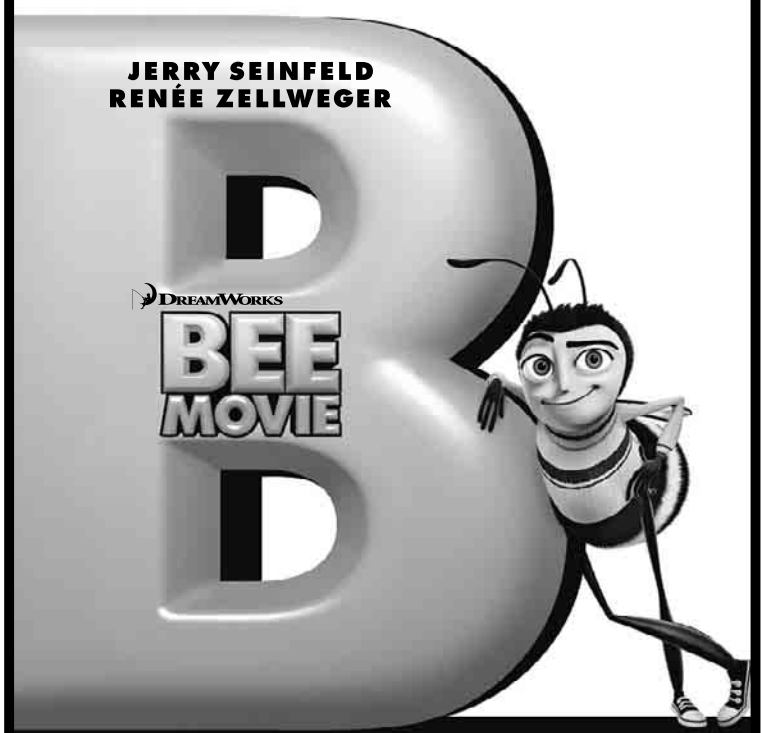

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collaborative Chinese government, and Wong Chia Chi (Tang Wei) is a revolutionary student who has drawn the short straw in her circle to seduce and lure him into a deadly trap. Their illicit romance becomes the central focus of this powerfully uncompromising film, which operates on the same principle that distinguishes all lasting romances. It isn't just the allure of love, or the celebrities in the cast or the physical attributes of the performers that ultimately compels audiences. It's what they're up against as they pursue that love. In a world where survival overrides all other virtues, their perverse attraction becomes a sort of mutual moral compass — the ultimate union that any love is about. (DT)

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R, 119 minutes) From its hushed opening sequences in a Manhattan law office late at night to its sleek, pared-down narrative style, this uncommonly intelligent thriller evokes the great films of the 1970s that managed to elicit gritty urban realism while maintaining a suave sense of style and moral complexity. George Clooney plays the title character, a "fixer" at a white shoe law firm, who finds himself enmeshed in a web of corporate intrigue, personal financial straits, madness and murder. Clooney does his best to suppress his blinding wattage, the better for his superb supporting cast to shine: Tilda Swinton is mesmerizing as the personification of female ambition and ambivalence; Sydney Pollack utterly inhabits Clayton's ethically slippery boss; and Tom Wilkinson delivers note-perfect spoken arias of a manic-depressive who has gone off his meds. The movie marks a return to the screen of intelligence, taste and class. Hallelujah, and hire the babysitter: It's grown-up time again at the movies. (AH)

MR. UNTOUCHABLE (R, 95 minutes) This documentary by Marc Levin has beaten Ridley Scott's "American Gangster" into the theaters and probably means to capitalize on the stir caused by the bigger, star-driven Scott film. Both movies are set in the Harlem of the '70s, and both backhandedly admire a drug lord who, although he wrecked thousands of lives and was responsible for the murders of dozens of people, in some ironic "Godfather" way triumphed by building a machine bigger than the Mafia's and outfoxing it and law enforcement for years. It's fast and furious, and it proves that crime doesn't pay, unless you know how to do it right. (SH)

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SHARED SADNESS: Benicio Del Toro and Halle Berry in "Things We Lost in the Fire."

MUSIC WITHIN (R, 94 minutes) Ron Livingston plays Richard Pimentel, a real-life activist who was instrumental in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Pimentel's political awareness is forged during a tour of duty in Vietnam, where an explosion causes him to suffer tinnitus and lose most of his hearing. Returning all but deaf to the United States, he is soon to become an advocate for disabled veterans. Unfortunately, in this reverential treatment, Livingston's character is a schematic creation, an American Candide whose indefatigable spirit seems only a minor foible or two short of sainthood. (DT)

O JERUSALEM (R, 103 minutes) This movie, based on a 1972 book by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, tries to encapsulate the creation of Israel in 100 minutes, but with so many events to include, the film is reduced to banalized highlights. It makes the mistake of including too sweeping a scope in too small a movie and with too few resources. (DT)

RENDITION (R, 120 minutes) Billed as a ripped-from-the-headlines thriller, this film is actually another sluggish, by-the-numbers procedural, given a frisson or two by its debt to current events. As the film opens, a bomb goes off in a town square in an unidentified North African country; a U.S. CIA operative is killed, and his underling, an inexperienced analyst played by Jake Gyllenhaal, heads up the ensuing investigation. Meanwhile, Egyptian-born Anwar el-Ibrahimi (Omar Metwally), on his way back home to Chicago from South Africa, is detained at Dulles International Airport, then put on a plane to the aforementioned North African country for some gloves-off interrogation about his possible role in the bombing. It would have been interesting had the film engaged its nominal issues with real sophistication and urgency; instead, it is content to use them as a backdrop for a flabby story of too many subplots and too few subtleties. (AH)

SAW IV (R, 108 minutes) The producers of the popular franchise have refined their formula in this sequel: Beginning with an extended autopsy scene, it is 86 minutes of bloody torture. Fans will remember that the central character, Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), was killed at the end of "III." They also know that death is no impediment in a profitable horror franchise. The byzantine plot of "IV" claims to go back to the beginning and explain why Jigsaw, a.k.a. John, was moved to commit these atrocities. In the end, though, the plot is incomprehensible, existing only as a framework for the torture scenes. (MM)

SLEUTH (R, 86 minutes) This remake of the 1972 dark comedy of the same name stars Michael Caine and Jude Law. The frisson here is that Caine, who in 1972 played a young rake sleeping with the wife of a famous writer (the latter then played by Laurence Olivier), here plays the cuckolded author, Andrew Wyke, a wily old geezer with a fondness for games and toys. When Milo Tindle (Law) arrives to demand that Wyke give his wife the divorce she has been asking for, the gimlet-eyed elder statesman instead proposes an everybody-wins scheme involving a simulated jewel theft. On its own sophisticated surface, the movie might promise to be an essentially harmonious chamber piece, but it turns out to be a toxic and instantly forgettable bagatelle. (AH)

THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE (R, 120 minutes) Audrey Burke (played brilliantly by Halle Berry) seems to have it all: Her husband, Brian (David Duchovny), is a successful Seattle developer, and

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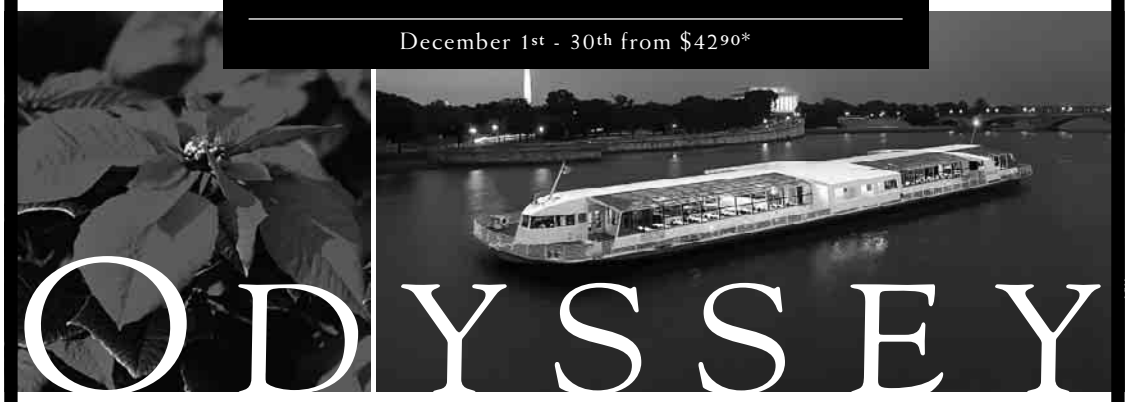

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Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1200 230) 500 730 1000 1215
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 1230 130) 310 415 515 700 800 900 1045 1145 1230
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (1210 240) 510 745 1015
MUSIC WITHIN (R) - ID REQ'D (110) PM
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (1145 210) 440 740 1005 1225
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 200) 330 455 630 755 915 1025 1150
OC: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (1155) AM
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245) 410 725 1010
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3D - $2.50 EXTRA FOR 3D (PG) (1215 220 445) 715 925 1130
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (235) 520 805 1040
RENDITION (R) - ID REQ'D 430 1010
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (1240) 345 705 955 1235
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (140) 720
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (120) 435 750 1035

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Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale BEOWULF (PG-13) ★
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1215 1245 115 345 415 445) 715 745 815 1035
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1220 1250 240 310 500 530) 720 750 940 1010
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (230 510) 730 1000
BELLA (PG-13) (1225 255 525) 755 1025
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (210 505) 800 1040
RENDITION (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 340) 645 930
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13) (215 455) 740 1015
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (100 355) 700 955
INTO THE WILD (R) - ID REQ'D (250) 630 950

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

Adv. Tix on Sale FRED CLAUS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 100 130 200 330 430 500 530) 700 800 830 930 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1200 100 215 315 430 530) 645 745 900 1000
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (115 400) 715 1015
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (200 415) 715 945 1030
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3D - $2.50 EXTRA FOR 3D (PG) (200 445) 700 900
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (1230 145 345 445) 645 730 1015
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (1245 400) 630 915
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (230 515) 730 945
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (145 415) 715 1000

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale FRED CLAUS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale BEOWULF (PG-13) ★
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (215 445) 730 1000
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 130 345 445) 715 815 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1230 145 245 400 500) 630 715 845 930
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (230 500) 745 1010
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (100 315 530) 745 1000
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 800 1030
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (210 450) 730 1010
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (200 430) 700 930

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

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Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale BEOWULF (PG-13) ★
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1155 1250 150 245 325 425 525) 620 700 800 900 1000 1040 1135
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1150 1230 220 300 450 520) 720 750 950 1020
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (205 445) 730 1015
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (200 430 440) 655 915 1010 1145
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (155 435) 705 935
OC: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (125) PM
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (420) 715 1005
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 355) 645 945
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3D - $2.50 EXTRA FOR 3D (PG) (105 310 525) 735 955
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (1240 340) 635 930
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (145) 710
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (100 350) 640 940
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (110 345) 630 910

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

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NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3D - $2.50 EXTRA FOR 3D (PG) (1130 145 400) 610 840 1040
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1100 1200 120 240 320 510) 620 700 830 940 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1110 1150 1230 140 220 300 410 450 530) 640 720 800 910 950 1020
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (1210 250 515) 745 1030
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (1140 1240 210 310 440 540) 710 820 945
BELLA (PG-13) (100 415) 630 900
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (110 330 550) 810 1035
OC: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (1215)
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (245 520) 750 1035
THE COMEBACKS (PG-13) (1120 150 420) 635 915
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 230 505) 740 1025
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (1250 350) 650 1000
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 200 445) 730 1015
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 340) 645 930
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (115 345) 625 920
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 715 1010

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#

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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 100 200 330 430 530) 700 800 900 1030 1130 1220
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1200 1230 215 245 430 500) 645 715 900 930 1115
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (1145 215 445) 730 1015
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (1215 1245 245 400 515) 700 745 945 1020
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 300 545) 815 1035
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (115 400) 715 1015
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 415) 730 1000
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3D - $2.50 EXTRA FOR 3D (PG) (100 315 530) 800 1000
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 210 500) 745 1025

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 330 420) 615 700 745 940 1020
WRISTCUTTERS: A LOVE STORY (R) - ID REQ'D (145 440) 725 1000
GAME PLAN - DIGITAL (PG) (110 350) 630 910
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (150 430) 715
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 410) 720 1010
INTO THE WILD (R) - ID REQ'D (105 425) 735
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13) (115 340) 650 930
DARJEELING LIMITED (R) - ID REQ'D (125 400) 640 920
THE COMEBACKS (PG-13) 950 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
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Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale BEOWULF (PG-13) ★
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 100 200 330 430 530) 700 800 900 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1200 1230 215 245 430 500) 645 720 900 940
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (1220 300 520) 750 1020
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (130 430) 730 1015
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (200 400 450) 800 1000 1040
OC: 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (145) PM
THE COMEBACKS (PG-13) (100) 715
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 410) 700 945
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (445) 745 1030
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (115 415) 715 1015
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 745 1040
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (1250 330) 645 945

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

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Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale BEOWULF (PG-13) ★
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (145 430) 715 945
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 100 200 330 430 530) 700 800 900 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1200 1230 230 300 500 530) 730 800 1000 1030
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (200 445) 745 1015
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (215 515) 745 1000
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 415) 710 945
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 730 1015
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (100 345) 630 915
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (115 400) 645 930
DARJEELING LIMITED (R) - ID REQ'D (115) 650
OC: THE GAME PLAN (PG) (130) PM
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (415) 700 930
INTO THE WILD (R) - ID REQ'D (340) 915

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

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Adv. Tix on Sale MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1140 1210 100 305 340 440) 640 710 830 1005 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) ★ (1150 1220 1250 210 240 315 430 500 530) 650 720 750 910 940 1010
MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (1230 325) 730 1015
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (1145 220 445) 740 1025
SAW IV (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 230 450) 800 1020
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 345) 705 945
NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3D - $2.50 EXTRA FOR 3D (PG) (1255 300 510) 745 955
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 330) 645 930
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (110 355) 700 950
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (115 400) 725 1000

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TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG)
(10:50 @ $8), 1:10, 3:30, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10, 12:15

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) ✓ (10:30, 11:20 @ $6), 12:20, 2:20, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00
BEE MOVIE (PG) ✓ (11:00, 11:50 @ $6), 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:00, 10:20, 11:20, 12:20
THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) ✓ (11:10 @ $6), 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) (10:35 @ $6), 1:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, 12:25
SAW IV (R) ✓ (10:40 @ $6), 12:00, 1:20, 2:30, 3:50, 4:40, 5:40, 6:40, 8:30, 9:20, 10:40, 11:50
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) (10:45 @ $6), 1:30, 4:10, 7:30, 10:50
THE COMEBACKS (PG13) 12:30, 3:10, 5:30
RENDITION (R) 12:10, 3:05, 5:50
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) (11:25 @ $6), 2:15, 5:10, 8:05, 11:30
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:50, 6:10, 8:45, 9:40, 11:40, 12:30
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) (11:15 @ $6), 2:10, 5:00, 8:10, 11:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55, 12:30
THE KINGDOM (R) 7:50, 10:35

AMC SELECT
BELLA (PG13) (11:35 @ $6), 2:05, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) (11:05 @ $6), 1:45, 7:35
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) 12:05, 2:55, 5:45, 8:15, 10:55
GONE BABY GONE (R) (10:55 @ $6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10:15

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THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
SAW IV (R) ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:20, 10:35
THE COMEBACKS (PG13) 5:10
ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) 12:05, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) 12:10, 2:40, 7:40, 10:25
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

AMC SELECT
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40
GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
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301-324-4220

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:05, 1:35, 2:35, 3:35, 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:35, 9:35, 10:35
BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:00, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45
SAW IV (R) 12:25, 2:00, 3:00, 4:25, 5:25, 6:50, 7:50, 9:25, 10:15
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
THE COMEBACKS (PG13) 4:10, 9:40
THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE (R) 1:10, 6:40
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 12:20, 1:20, 3:20, 4:20, 6:20, 7:20, 9:20, 10:20
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:25

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
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O JERUSALEM (R) 4:40, 7:40, 9:50

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MUSIC WITHIN (R) 2:20
WRISTCUTTERS: A LOVE STORY (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20
JIMMY CARTER MAN FROM PLAINS (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
LUST, CAUTION (NC-17) 2:00, 5:10, 8:30

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:30, 6:30, 9:50
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:55, 4:05, 7:05, 9:15
ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) 2:00, 7:15
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
THE KINGDOM (R) 4:20, 10:00

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:05, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:30
BEE MOVIE (PG) (10:20, 11:50 @ $6), 12:50, 2:20, 3:20, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50, 10:50
THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) (10:10 @ $6), 12:45, 3:25, 6:00, 8:40, 11:20
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) (10:50 @ $6), 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50, 11:25
SAW IV (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) (10:40 @ $6), 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10
THE COMEBACKS (PG13) (10:15 @ $6), 12:35, 2:55
TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) (10:25 @ $6), 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00, 11:10
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) (10:35 @ $6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) (10:30 @ $6), 4:05, 10:25
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55
THE GAME PLAN (PG) CC 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55

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GONE BABY GONE (R) 12:25, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 1:05, 7:30

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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) ✓ 12:00, 12:45, 3:20, 4:00, 6:45, 7:40, 10:15, 11:00
BEE MOVIE (PG) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) ✓ 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
SAW IV (R) ✓ 12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
THE COMEBACKS (PG13) 5:30, 7:40, 10:00
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 7:30
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 4:50, 7:45, 10:25
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45

AMC SELECT
GONE BABY GONE (R) 4:40, 10:15

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
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DIGITAL 3D
TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG)
(11:10 @ $8), 1:20, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) ✓ (11:20 @ $6), 12:20, 2:50, 3:50, 6:20, 7:20, 9:50, 10:50
BEE MOVIE (PG) ✓ (10:30, 11:40 @ $6), 1:00, 2:10, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40
BEE MOVIE (PG) CC ✓ (10:30 @ $6), 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40
THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) ✓ (11:15 @ $6), 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10
SAW IV (R) ✓ (11:05 @ $6), 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 8:50, 11:10
30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) (11:50 @ $6), 2:20, 5:00, 8:00, 10:35
THE COMEBACKS (PG13) 12:10, 2:30
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) (10:45 @ $6), 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) (10:50 @ $6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) (11:45 @ $6), 2:40, 5:25, 8:05, 11:00
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (10:40 @ $6), 1:15, 3:55, 6:35, 9:20

AMC SELECT
BELLA (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 4:50, 7:25, 10:10
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) ✓ (10:55 @ $6), 1:25, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25
GONE BABY GONE (R) (11:25 @ $6), 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
INTO THE WILD (R) (11:35 @ $6), 3:15, 6:40, 10:00

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
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DIGITAL 3D
TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55, 11:55

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 4:00, 6:15, 7:25, 9:50, 10:55
BEE MOVIE (PG) ✓ 12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00
THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) ✓ 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00
SAW IV (R) ✓ 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15, 11:40
RENDITION (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:40
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 6:50, 9:45
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) 1:40, 7:40

AMC SELECT
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
GONE BABY GONE (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:50
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DARJEELING UNLIMITED (R)
1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55
GONE BABY GONE (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
SLEUTH (R)
3:50, 9:50
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12:50, 6:50
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THE GAME PLAN (PG)
12:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE (R)
12:45 p.m.

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THE COMEBACKS (PG-13)
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THE GAME PLAN (PG)
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LUST, CAUTION (NC-17)
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MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)
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INTO THE WILD (R)
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WRISTCUTTERS: A LOVE STORY (R)
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INTO THE WILD (R)
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LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13)
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JIMMY CARTER: MAN FROM PLAINS (PG)
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they live in a big house with two beautiful kids. It all ends when the police arrive with the news that Brian has been murdered. As preparations for a funeral ensue, Audrey discovers that Brian had a secret "best friend," a down-and-out lawyer now living on skid row. She sends her brother to pick up Jerry Sunborne (Benicio Del Toro), a twitchy, tormented user. The movie chronicles how all the traumatized survivors of Brian's death cope by inserting Jerry in Brian's place. In fact, the movie could be called "Let's All Help Jerry." Am I the only one who thinks, "You know, I don't really give a damn about Jerry"? Del Toro will probably get an Oscar nod for his Jerry, but I never believed a second of it. (SH)

30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R, 108 minutes) This is the kind of gruesome but entertaining survival guide you pray you never have to follow: how to stop vampires killing you during the darkest days of Alaskan winter. Hey, it could happen. It certainly does in Barrow, Alaska, where vampires come to terrorize the isolated town, as seasonal darkness descends for a loooong month. From a safe distance — in our own pocket of darkness, as it were — it's a visceral kick to watch as a group of ever-dwindling survivors, led by young, resolute Sheriff Eben (Josh Hartnett), figures out how to outlast these powerful predators. And Danny Huston, as the animalistic leader of the pack, is as disturbing as he is compelling, a feral creature with all senses at full capacity. If there's an action figure, I'm ordering one. (DT)

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED (PG-13, 113 minutes) Five 30-something African American couples deal with a host of domestic problems in writer-director-producer-star Tyler Perry's adaptation of his play. Too much work, too little work, children, the lack of children, sexually transmitted diseases, the lack of sex, alcohol and infidelity are the main issues. Talk is plentiful; action is not. An attractive ensemble brings conviction to the sometimes-weepy proceedings. As usual, Perry comes down solidly on the side of conventional morality and stable monogamous relationships. (MM)

WE OWN THE NIGHT (R, 117 minutes) For people deeply into movies, the prospect of Mark Wahlberg and Joaquin Phoenix teaming up in a James Gray picture sends little goose bumps up their spines. In this movie, Gray has cast the actors as brothers living in Brooklyn in the 1980s, on conflicting sides of the escalating drug wars. Bobby (Phoenix) is a high-living club manager with a hot, equally party-hearty girlfriend (Eva Mendes). Meanwhile, straight-arrow Joseph (Wahlberg) has gone on the job, joining their dad (Robert Duvall) on the city police force. As a case Joseph is working on, involving the Russian mob, strikes closer to home for Bobby, years of estrangement between the men come to a head, in brutal and finally surprising encounters. Gray clearly knows his way around genre, in this case a cop thriller with generous helpings of melodrama, but the movie never catches fire, even literally in an improbable but visually stunning climax set in a burning field. (AH)

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REFUSAL TO DISAPPEAR: Talk show host Montel Williams will try his hand at movies by executive-producing a series of feature films in partnership with production companies. Among the first projects is "4Chosen," which deals with racial profiling.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

NOT A SOUP, NOT A STEW
The new cartoon **CHOWDER** (7:30 p.m., Cartoon Network, Fri.) places the action in the kitchen.

CELEBRITY PUP
Ed McMahon ("The Tonight Show") needs help with his terrier on **THE DOG WHISPERER** (8 p.m., National Geographic, Fri.).

'80S CLASSIC
A shaggy ne'er-do-well (Nicolas Cage) and his wife (Holly Hunter) kidnap celebrated quints in the 1987 comedy **RAISING ARIZONA** (8 p.m., CMT, Fri.).

PAPER EXPERT
Originally broadcast in 2004, **THE OFFICE SPECIAL** (8 p.m., BBC America, Fri.), starring Ricky Gervais, wraps up the loose ends of the British series that inspired the NBC series "The Office."

WELCOME BACK, COACH
Taylor's return is no panacea for the Panthers on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

GONZO LOVES CUDDLING
Much like "Meerkat Manor," that other critter-character-driven drama, **ORANGUTAN ISLAND** (9 p.m., Animal Planet, Fri.), follows nonhumans with funny names and personality quirks.

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FEARLESS LEADER: Taylor is back with a whimper on "Friday Night Lights."

WHICH AMENDMENT IS IT?
Delinda campaigns for the rights of exotic entertainment on **LAS VEGAS** (10 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

NOT BIG ENOUGH?
High-tech implants make for a sour disposition on the pilot episode of **BIONIC WOMAN** (8 p.m., NBC, Sat.).

ROCK STARS
AMAZING JOURNEY: THE STORY OF THE WHO (9 p.m., VH1 and VH1 Classic, Sat.) recalls the four-decade history of the Who.

YOU ARE NOW WATCHING ...
MAD TV (11 p.m., Fox, Sat.) enters its 13th season. Carlos Mencia hosts the season opener.

GOOD LUCK WITH THAT
NBC News anchor Brian Williams tries his hand at comedy when he hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Feist.

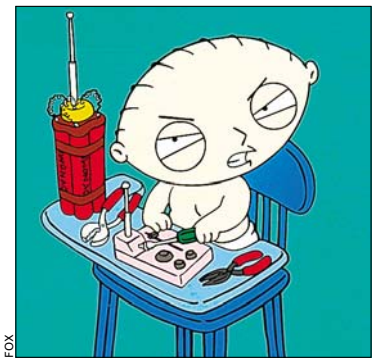
THE LIVES OF OTHERS
MTV offers a marathon of the intimate documentary series **TRUE LIFE**, starting with "True Life: I'm Pregnant" (2 p.m., MTV, Sun.), "I Stutter" (3 p.m.), "I'm Supporting My Family" (4 p.m.), "I'm Having a Summer Romance" (5 p.m.) and "I'm the New Kid in Town" (6 p.m.).

AMAZING FEATS!
THE AMAZING RACE (8 p.m., CBS, Sun.) returns for season No. 12.

OH, MY!
The documentary **LIVING WITH TIGERS** (8 p.m., Animal Planet, Sun.) kicks off "Tiger Week," five nights of programming dedicated to the big cats.

TIME'S UP, LOIS
Stewie, the evil baby, finally murders his mother on the 100th episode of **FAMILY GUY** (9 p.m., Fox, Sun.).

LOVING HUSBAND
Larry tries to manipulate Cheryl's therapy to his advantage (surprise, surprise) on **CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM** (10 p.m., Sun. HBO).



FOX

The day he's been waiting for is here.

ALL-TIME FAVORITE
Danny Glover guest-stars as a campaign adviser on **BROTHERS & SISTERS** (10 p.m., Sun., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

11.2.07		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News (N) CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) CC		Friday Night Lights "Let's Get It On"		Las Vegas (N) CC		News (N) CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	News (N)	TMZ (N) CC	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	The Next Great American Band (N) CC				News (N)		News (N)	TMZ CC
	WJLA 7	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Men in Trees "I Wood if I Could" (N)		Women's Murder Club (N) CC		(:02) 20/20 (N) CC		News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer "Double Exposure"		Moonlight "B.C." (N) CC		NUMB3RS "In Security" (N) CC		News (N) CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★★★ "Rocky" (1976, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. CC				Every-Raymond	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) CC	Bill Moyers Journal (N) CC		Mystery! "Foyle's War III: A War of Nerves"			Smart Travels
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) CC		NOW (N) CC	Rat Pack: A Conference of Cool		Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives CC		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Friends CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Family Guy CC	Friends CC	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	(4:00) ★★★★ "The Godfather" (1972) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. CC				★★★★ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. Michael Corleone moves his father's crime family to Las Vegas. CC							
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter "Ice Breaker"		Fooled by Nature	Fooled by Nature	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	Orangutan Island	Meerkat Manor	Animal Precinct "Another Chance" (N)		Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			Hell Date CC	★★★ "Rize" (2005, Documentary) Tommy the Clown. Premiere. CC				College-Interns	Keyshia Cole	Hell Date CC	Hell Date CC
	Bravo	Project Runway "Finale" CC		★★★ "The Breakfast Club" (1985) Emilio Estevez, Judd Nelson. Premiere.				★★ "Notting Hill" (1999) Julia Roberts. A bookseller and a movie star have an unlikely romance.					★★ Notting Hill
	Comedy	"Police Academy 6: Siege"		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	Com.-Presents	Flt.-Conchords	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	World's Worst Drivers		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	North Mission	Justice Delayed (N)	
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman CC		Dirty Jobs "Special Effects Artist"		Man vs. Wild Surviving in the Alps.		Storm Chasers		Everest: Beyond the Limit	
	DISCH	Code Blue "Close Calls" CC		Trauma: Life in the ER "Tough Town"		Joined at the Head CC		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Mystery ER CC		Joined at the Head CC	
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Wizards-Place	★★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003, Comedy) Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan.				Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	(5:00) Beyonce Revealed Beyonce.		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Dr. 90210 A breast cancer survivor.		Kardashians	Kimora: Fab	The Soup (N)	Sunset Tan	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)
	FX	★★ "First Daughter" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Katie Holmes, Marc Blucas.				★★ "Big Momma's House" (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long.				That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Carly Summers"	
	HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Decorating Cents	Get It Together	Fun Shui (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold	Parents House
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	★★★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin. CC				America's Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club CC	
	History	Mail Call CC	Our Generation	Modern Marvels: Extreme Aircraft		Beyond Top Secret: Iran (N) CC		The History of Sex CC		Human Weapon "Kung Fu" (N) CC		MonsterQuest CC	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead		America's Psychic Challenge (N)		Blood Ties "Bugged" (N) CC	
	MTV	America's Next Top Model CC		America's Next Top Model CC		America's Next Top Model CC		A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila		★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding.			
	NICK	Zoey 101 CC	Ned's School	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	Back, Barnyard	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	Full House CC	Home Improve.	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" CC		Bionic Woman CC		Odyssey 5 "Astronaut Dreams" CC		Flash Gordon "Secrets and Lies" (N)		Stargate Atlantis "Tabula Rasa" (N)		Flash Gordon "Secrets and Lies"	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		The Ultimate Fighter					Whacked Out
	TBS	Friends CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	★★ "Herbie: Fully Loaded" (2005, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. Premiere.				★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt. CC			
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	What Not to Wear "Jeannie P." CC		What Not to Wear "Betty C." CC		What Not to Wear "Leigh W." CC		Say Yes to the Dress (N)		What Not to Wear "Leigh W." CC	
	TNT	Law & Order "Under God"		Law & Order "Equal Rights"		★★ "Sahara" (2005, Adventure) Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn. Premiere. CC					★★ "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey. CC		
	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush.						House "Guardian Angels" CC	
	VHI	I Love New York		America's Most Smartest Model		Embarrassing Moments 2		Fabulous Life Of...		Hogan Knows	Salt N Pepa	I Love New York	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC			NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics. From TD Banknorth Garden in Boston.					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns.		
	ESPN2	NASCAR Race	ESPN Ultimate NASCAR The dirt.		Football Live	College Football Nevada at New Mexico State. (Live) CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	Washing. Post	SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics. From TD Banknorth Garden in Boston.					SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	Washing. Post
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Out in the Open		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Why They Run	Why They Run	Lockup: San Quentin		MSNBC Investigates	
MOVIES	AMC	★ "Catwoman" (2004, Action) Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. 'PG-13'					★★ "Young Guns" (1988, Western) Emilio Estevez. 'R'		
	TCM	Nancy Drew	★ "Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase" (1939) 'NR'			★★ "Trouble in Store" (1953) Norman Wisdom. 'NR'			★★★ "The Secret of Santa Vittoria" (1969, Comedy) Anthony Quinn, Anna Magnani. 'PG'				
	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Fantastic Four" (2005)		Inside the NFL CC		★ "The Marine" (2006, Action) John Cena. 'PG-13' CC			Amer. Gangster	Curb-Enthsm	Curb-Enthsm	Real Time With Bill Maher CC	
	MAX	(5:30) ★ "Let's Go to Prison" (2006)		★★★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG-13' CC					Amer. Gangster	★ "Let's Go to Prison" (2006) Dax Shepard. 'R' CC			Coed Confidential
	SHOW	(5:30) ★★ "Missing in America"		(:15) ★ "The Zodiac" (2005, Suspense) Justin Chambers. iTV. 'R' CC				Weeds (iTV)	Californication	Brotherhood "Dear Landlord 1:3-4"		Boxing: Brock vs. Chambers	
	TMC	(:15) ★★ "The Weather Man" (2005) Nicolas Cage, Hope Davis. 'R' CC				★ "Out of Season" (2004) Dennis Hopper. 'R' CC			(:45) ★★ "Candy" (2006, Drama) Heath Ledger, Abbie Cornish. Premiere. 'R'				(:35) ★★ Asylum
	STARZ!	(4:50) ★ "Play It to the Bone" (1999)		★★ "Freedomland" (2006, Crime Drama) Samuel L. Jackson. 'R' CC				★★ "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou. 'PG-13' CC					Enemy-State
	ENCORE	Trapped-Para.	★★ "Beethoven's 2nd" (1993) Charles Grodin. 'PG' CC			★★ "The Shaggy Dog" (2006) Tim Allen. 'PG' CC			(:45) ★★ "When a Stranger Calls" (2006) Camilla Belle.			(:15) ★★ "Blade" (1998) 'R' CC	

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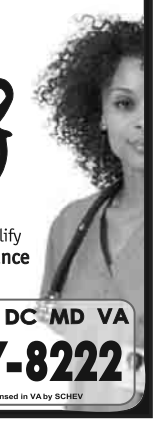

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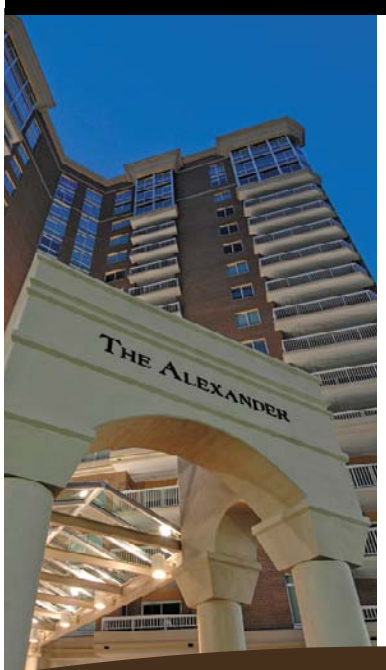

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Crunch Time

Business

Mortgage counselors are feeling the strain of a market in crisis

It was one of Zach Urban's most trying days as a housing counselor: A woman arrived on his doorstep so distraught over the thought of losing her townhouse he feared she might harm herself.

Sherie Zamora sought Urban's help when she temporarily lost her job and couldn't get relief from her mortgage company. She said Urban was calm and reassuring as they developed a plan. But as she left his office, he gave her some suicide prevention hotline numbers.

"I could laugh about this now, but, at the time, it was not a laughing matter," said Zamora, 43, an insurance agent who saved her southeast Denver townhouse nearly four years ago. "I was at the end of my rope, and I felt hopeless."

Urban is one of thousands of counselors at nonprofit housing agencies who preside over a court of last resort for financially troubled homeowners. It's become a more stressful job as the nation's housing slump sends caseloads skyrocketing. The demand — and the heart-wrenching stories — can seem never-ending.

"There's the bad days where you've had five people come into your office that have all just broken down crying and, many times, looked to you to resolve the issues that took years and months to fall into place, and that's something that won't be solved overnight," said Urban, counseling program manager at Brothers Redevelopment Inc. in Denver.

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BREAKING THE FALL: Mortgage counselors offer advice to homeowners in trouble.

"But then you turn the corner one day, working with somebody and that house is saved or that family is given a positive resolution, and those are the good days."

Homeowners of all ages and income levels have fallen into trouble over the one-two punch of a softening housing market and problems with subprime mortgages, which are made to homeowners with weak credit. Sometimes it's financial mismanagement. Other times it's a lost job, medical issues or another life-changing event.

Counselors help homeowners examine their finances, what it will take to catch up with payments, if that's feasible, and how the foreclosure process works. They also work with lenders, often spending hours trying to reach the right representative.

Officials worry counselors may quit due to burnout or better jobs just as demand is soaring, said Meg Burns, director of the single family program development office for Housing and Urban Development.

"I don't think people fully appreciate the pressure that's being put on those counselor organizations today," she said. "Everybody's pointing to counseling as ... [an] end-all, be-all solution to this crisis, and here we have all these nonprofit organizations struggling to provide services without adequate funding."

For mortgage counselors, the heart-wrenching stories can seem never-ending.

At the DuPage Homeownership Center in Wheaton, Ill., managers fight burnout by limiting each counselor to seeing four clients per day and building in down ime for them.

"It's been a more challenging period for them than we've seen, than I can remember," she said. "It can be stressful for the counselors in terms of having to be the bearer of bad news and be the reality check. When they do have a success, we truly do celebrate that."

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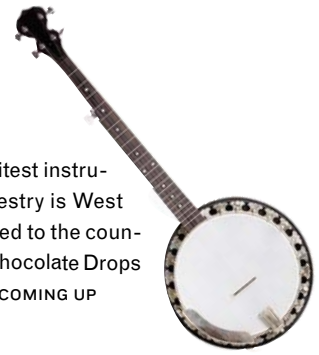

MUSIC

Strings Attached

Although the banjo has been branded the whitest instrument in America, it ain't so: The banjo's ancestry is West African. Express contributor Glenn Dixon talked to the country ax-plucking Dom Flemons of the Carolina Chocolate Drops before his group's Sunday Birchmere concert. | COMING UP

TELEVISION

Bad 'Dog,' Good 'Ugly'

After his racist rant was leaked to the media this week, the only thing the star of A&E's "Dog: The Bounty Hunter" will be looking for now is a new job. Express' Arion Berger deconstructs his thinking. Plus, she reviews plot-packed "Ugly Betty" and painfully funny "30 Rock." | ONLINE NOW

ENTERTAINMENT

The Sweetish Thing

Koop co-producer Magnus Zingmark grew up in Sweden, and the first music he ever heard was jazz. This goes a long way toward explaining Koop's very European take on vocal jazz. Express contributor Tony Sclafani spoke with Zingmark before the duo's Saturday show at the 9:30 Club. | COMING UP

comment board

"It should not be illegal to hold protests on public property in any circumstances, even when we may completely disagree with the basis of those protests."

COMMENTER ANONYMOUS, WHO ADDED, "THAT IS WHAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS ALL ABOUT."

"I wouldn't consider the Westboro Baptist Church a group of Christians by any stretch of the imagination. They are, quite simply, a cult."

COMMENTER KFB, WHO ADDED, "I AM ECSTATIC THAT THE RULING IN THIS CASE CAME DOWN THE WAY IT DID."

"Finally, a sensible interpretation of the Constitution. Freedom of speech does NOT give you the right to invade [one's] privacy or to hamper the freedom of others."

COMMENTER HB, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD IT BE ILLEGAL TO HOLD PROTESTS AT THE FUNERALS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL?"

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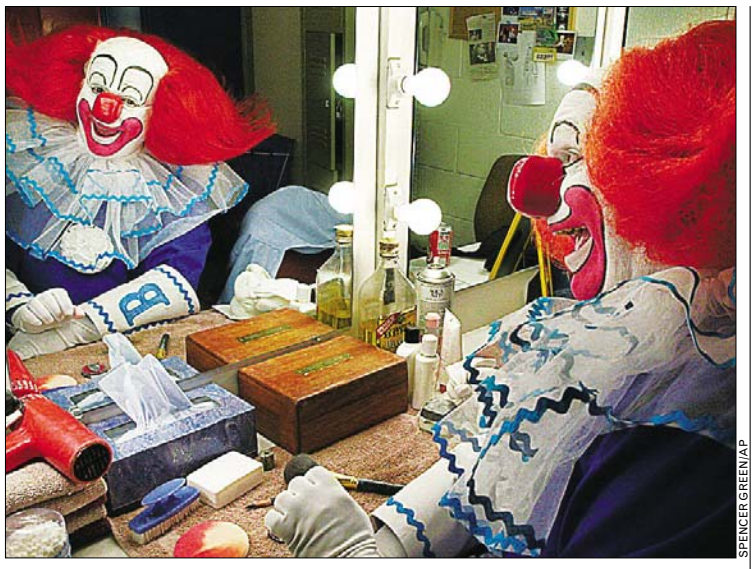
Blog LOG

"Are we going to end up with all of our diplomats fleeing to Canada? Will Jimmy Carter have to grant amnesty to them, too?"

A **WONKETTE.COM** COMMENTER REACTS TO STATE DEPARTMENT ENVOYS' PROTESTING PLANNED ASSIGNMENTS TO WAR-TORN IRAQ, AS DISCLOSED AT A DEPARTMENT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY.



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REDSTATE.COM REACTS TO A NEW COMMERCE DEPARTMENT REPORT SHOWING CONSUMER SPENDING DECLINED IN SEPTEMBER, SENDING STOCKS TUMBLING.

"**IF CRYING** at home helps, cry away. If hitting a punching bag helps to release the aggression, go for it. People are going to react to harassment whatever way they can, and no one can change that."

DONTBESILENT3.BLOGSPOT.COM ON THE STREET HARASSMENT WOMEN FACE.

Discussions

Marc Fisher

Post Metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and talked about the D.C. cab "strike" and the infamous pants guy.

The fact that Roy Pearson is still appealing his pants case just blows my mind. He's lost everything — his job and his credibility, not to mention he's taken the Chungs down with him. Regardless of who's truly to blame in this case, the plain fact is that he's made a laughingstock of himself by pressing the issue as far as he has. Does he honestly think he can achieve anything, or is he purely motivated by ego at this point?

You ain't seen nothing yet. Now that he's been sacked, Pearson has all the time in the world to pursue his legal fantasies. The folks who fired him from his judgeship were worried about this from Day 1, which is a big part of why it took so long for them to make their move and which is why they are now claiming that his sacking had little or nothing to do with the pants suit.

I didn't have any trouble getting cabs Halloween night — the biggest problem was the drivers who seemed to think the strike superseded the zone system and they could charge more money because supply and demand levels were supposedly reversed.

This is indeed the flaw in the zone system — the lack of an easy way for passengers to call crooked drivers on their attempts to rip off the rider. But a GPS meter would have handled that flaw quite easily.

Can we declare the zone system a historic landmark, since we're one of the few cities that has it? Then the city would be forced to keep it.

Ha! Excellent.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post staff writer Tarik El-Bashir will be online to take your questions about the Caps and the NHL at 2 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

DO

HIT THE THEATERS IN CHARLOTTESVILLE. The 20th-annual Virginia Film Festival takes place this weekend with a showing of "Honeydripper," a new film starring Sean Patrick Thomas, a U.Va. alumnus. Ninety films will be shown and more than 80 guests, including Thomas, will appear.

Look out

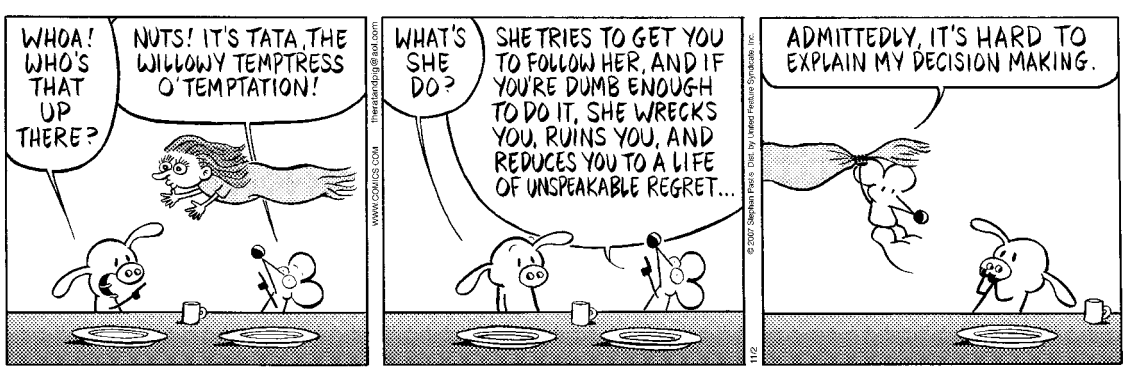
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"Yes, I am annoyed. This is a rehearsal, not a dress rehearsal."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



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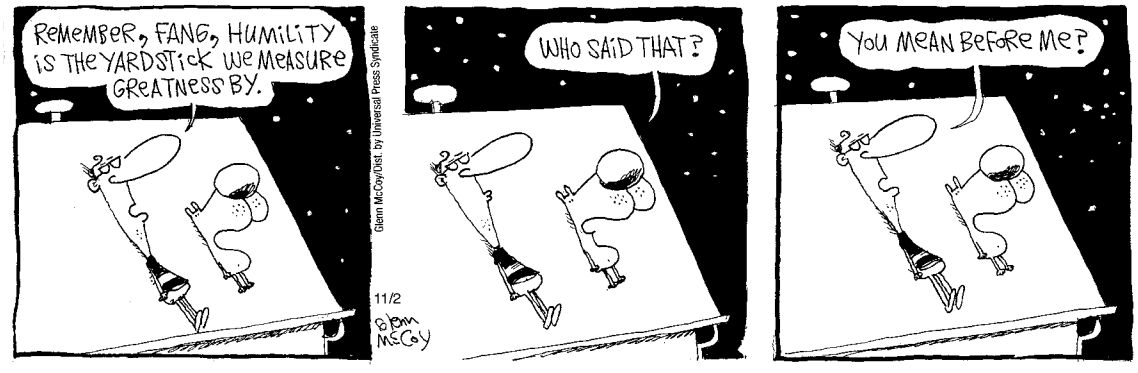

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself grappling with one or two difficult concepts — both pragmatic and philosophical. It's time to speak openly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find yourself saying "maybe" far more often than usual. Such indecision is uncharacteristic — and should be short-lived.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You shouldn't have to spend a great deal of time catching up with yourself. Once you begin, you can be moving forward at every moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Put yourself in another's shoes, and you'll surely be able to understand why there has been tension between you recently. Make amends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone you've worked with in the recent past may be trying to get in touch with you at this time. An attractive offer is likely to come your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The more you get to know someone with whom you are expected to work, the more likely you will be able to perform up to par. Don't be bashful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can give someone the second chance that he or she has been waiting for. Take care, however, that you aren't making matters worse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You don't have all the answers, but you very likely know where to start. Someone close to you will come through with a key idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel as though you're falling behind. Don't be tempted to speed up without considering the consequences of your actions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Seek the advice of someone who has been in your shoes, and you'll realize that your instincts are keen and trustworthy. Be yourself at all times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) That which looks most promising may actually bring with it an unusual risk — but after weighing the pros and cons, you'll decide to go ahead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may encounter an unexpected challenge, but with all the preparation you've done, you should be ready for anything.

Letters

Clothes Don't Make the Kids

WEDNESDAY'S ARTICLE about kids bullying other kids ("Brand-Name Bullies") for not wearing the "right" clothes really saddened me. What are we as a society teaching our children? That being an individual doesn't matter? That a label across one's backside or a name emblazoned on one's chest makes one a better person and worthy of the admiration of one's peers? The real losers are the parents who buy into this mentality and pass those empty values on to their children when they cave in and buy them these overpriced duds.

—MOIRA BOGLEY
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1976 Jimmy Carter becomes the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeats incumbent Gerald Ford.

AP

Hughes aboard the "Spruce Goose."

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EXCUSES

Context: 'Words I'd Never Utter Except This One Time'

A&E reality series "Dog the Bounty Hunter" star **DUANE CHAPMAN** has apologized for using a racial slur in a profanity-laced tirade during a private phone conversation with his son that was recorded and posted online. A&E has suspended production of the series. Chapman said the clip was completely taken out of context. (AP)

TRANSLATION

'I Have Written a Book Expressly to Be a TV Series'

J.K. ROWLING has completed her first book not featuring Harry Potter — a collection of fairy stories titled "The Tales of Beedle the Bard," which is mentioned in "Hallows." (AP)

FREEBIES

Put Posh In Coach

THE SPICE GIRLS will get free flights on Virgin Atlantic during their comeback world tour. Virgin released the Spice Girls' first single, "Wannabe," in 1996. Geri Halliwell, Melanie Chisholm, Emma Bunton, Melanie Brown and Victoria Beckham will do other promotions as part of the deal. Their tour will begin Dec. 2 in Vancouver, Canada. (AP)

LEDTERIS PITARAKIS/AP

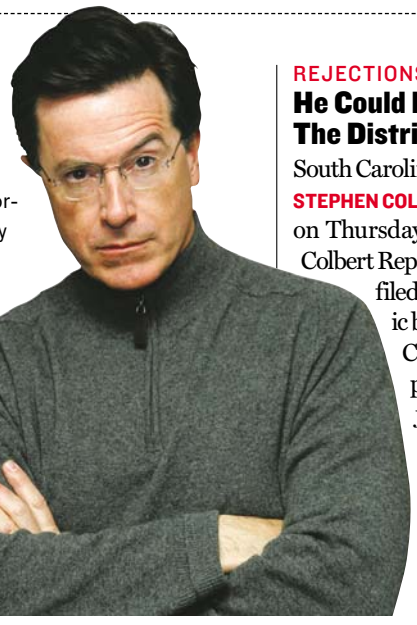
KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/AP

Mass salmon deaths were traced back to chemicals from Amy's hair and face.

TRAVEL

She Tried to Go to the U.S., But They Said, 'No, No, No'

AMY WINEHOUSE and husband Blake Fielder-Civil were arrested in Bergen, Norway, on Oct. 18 and held on charges of drug possession. They paid fines and were released on charges of possessing marijuana. Now, Winehouse is appealing because she didn't know that, under Norwegian law, accepting a fine is the same as pleading guilty. She was to play Thursday's mtvU Woodie Awards in New York, but an MTV rep says "due to visa issues, Amy Winehouse will not be able to travel to the States." (AP)



JASON DECROW/AP

Colbert's rare eyebrow disorder is truly tragic.

REJECTIONS

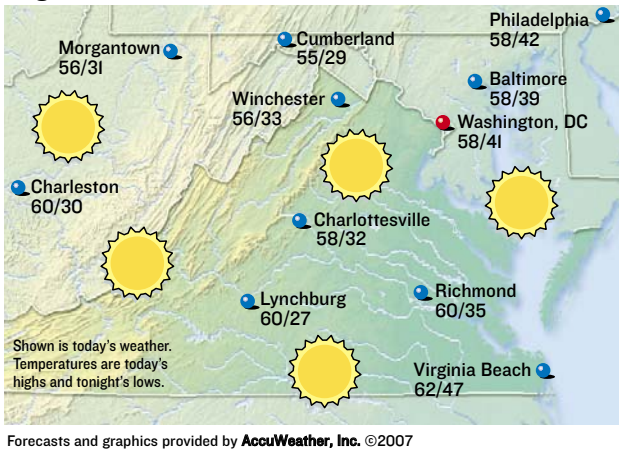
He Could Run From The District ... Oh, Wait ...

South Carolina Democrats squashed **STEPHEN COLBERT**'s White House bid on Thursday. Colbert, host of "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central, filed to get on the Democratic ballot in his native South Carolina. His campaign paid a $2,500 filing fee just before the noon deadline. However, after 40 minutes of discussion the executive council voted 13-3 to keep the comedian off the ballot. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Breezy, sunny	Clear	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Milder, sunny	Mostly cloudy, breezy
58°	41°	60° / 44°	57° / 43°	64° / 48°	56° / 39°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	73°
Low	54°
Normal high	62°
Normal low	44°
Average humidity	66%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.10"
Year to date	28.19"
Last year to date	41.05"
Normal year to date	33.37"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

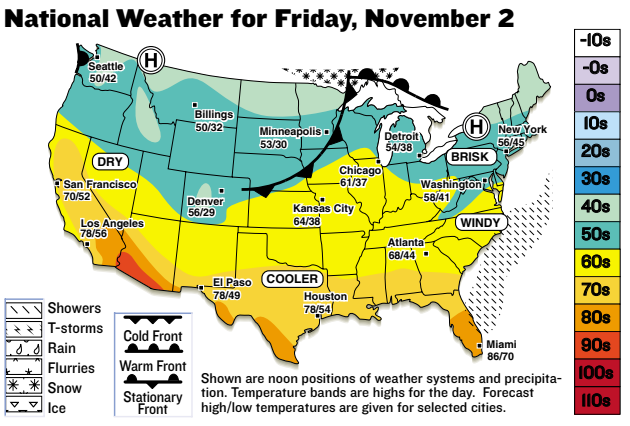
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, breezy. High 58. Wind north-northeast 9-18 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 41. Wind north 10-20 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:07 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:24 a.m.
Moonset today	2:47 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 9	Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1

National Weather for Friday, November 2



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/44/s	72/46/s
Boston	53/40/s	51/40/r
Chicago	61/37/s	58/38/pc
Dallas	71/53/s	74/52/pc
Denver	56/29/s	63/33/s
Honolulu	83/71/s	84/72/sh
Los Angeles	78/56/s	86/58/s
Miami	86/70/pc	83/68/pc
New York City	56/45/s	59/47/s
Orlando	80/59/pc	77/52/pc
Seattle	50/42/pc	56/46/c

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	59/50/c	56/44/c
Athens	72/63/sh	70/58/c
Berlin	55/46/sh	55/38/sh
Buenos Aires	77/60/s	75/50/s
Calgary	40/24/pc	40/25/c
Dublin	59/48/pc	57/43/pc
Geneva	58/39/pc	61/41/pc
Moscow	41/32/c	36/30/c
Rome	62/50/pc	66/50/s
Sydney	75/68/c	73/65/c
Tokyo	61/52/pc	64/51/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

CROSSWORD | PICK A CARD

ACROSS

1 Someone with a lot on his shoulders
6 One wearing the apron strings
10 Cry from on high
13 "Twelfth Night" heroine
14 Synonym collector
16 Reward for a sacrifice, sometimes
17 Handy pointer
19 Bradley and Sullivan
20 Spot remover?
21 Meal opener?
22 Left in the lurch
24 Deep violet blue
26 Fancy duds
27 Sufficiently
30 Partner
32 Shared funds
33 "Shallow __" (2001 film)
34 Quieted a crying baby
37 Two of none?
38 Unauthorized strike
40 Quarry product
41 Wickerwork cane
43 A sucker holds it
44 Waves breaking on the shore
45 Nighttime visitor
47 To begin with
48 Wide scarf
50 Like some decals
52 Barbary Coast pirate
54 Hammer and anvil site
55 No. cruncher
58 __ chi
59 Parlor
62 Leading Dada painter
63 Drawn-out tales
64 Sharp-eyed hunter
65 Concorde, e.g.
66 Coming up
67 Holyfield rival

DOWN

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2 Miniscule
3 Source of riches
4 Draft option
5 German state and one-time kingdom
6 Disparaging
7 Sweetie
8 Incites
9 They'll keep you on your toes
10 Unit of college work
11 Pop singer Paula
12 Thin streaks of smoke
15 Bring forth for inspection
18 Craze
23 Regatta requirement, sometimes
24 Out of sorts
25 Fort Knox stash
27 Mimic
28 Lisa of the Louvre
29 Afterthought
31 Carpet style
33 Female red deer
35 Muffs it
36 Dexterous
38 Classified information?
39 Paddling advocate
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44 Confession in a confessional
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47 Lose one's train
48 Impersonate
49 Takes wing
51 One of the Bobbsey clan
53 Persian Gulf state
55 Machinist's teeth
56 Equestrian contest
57 Sunday sound
60 Ski coating
61 Sci-fi writer Bradbury

Yesterday's Solution

L	I	F	T		B	O	U	T		T	O	S	C	A
A	S	I	A		A	N	N	A		O	R	E	O	S
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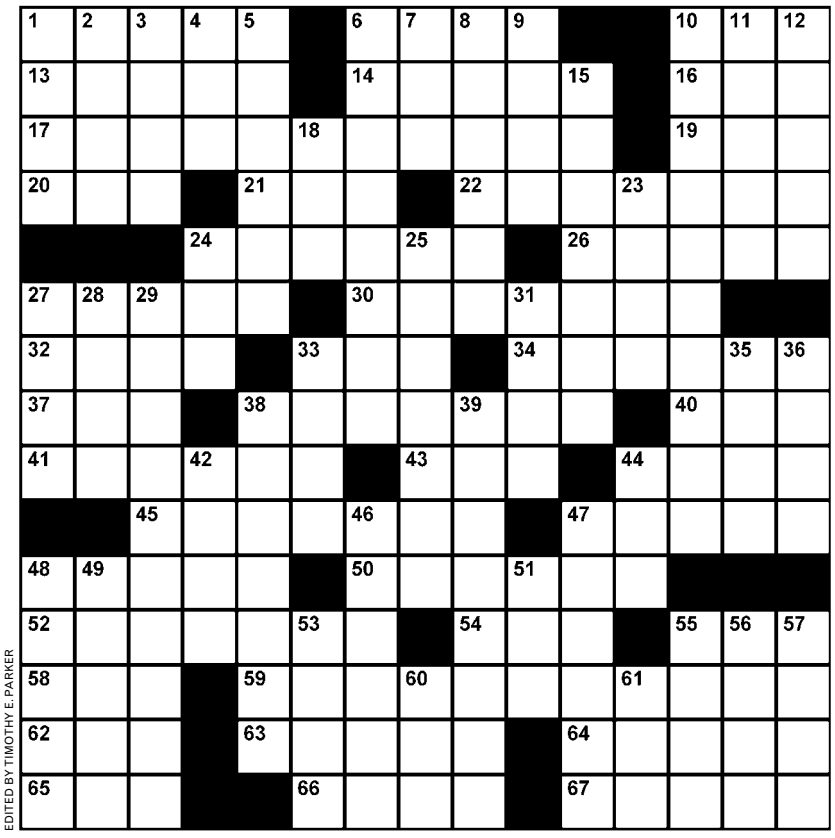

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SAMURAI SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

7	4	5	8	9	1	3	6	2
6	8	9	5	3	2	1	7	4
2	3	1	4	6	7	8	9	5
8	5	6	7	1	9	4	2	3
1	9	3	2	4	8	6	5	7
4	2	7	6	5	3	9	1	8
9	1	8	3	7	5	2	4	6
5	6	2	9	8	4	7	3	1
3	7	4	1	2	6	5	8	9

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6	9	8	3	1	2	4	5	7
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8	6	3	7	9	4	5	1	2
9	1	7	2	3	5	6	4	8
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1	3	6	5	2	8	7	9	4

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8	2	7	9	5	3	4	6	1
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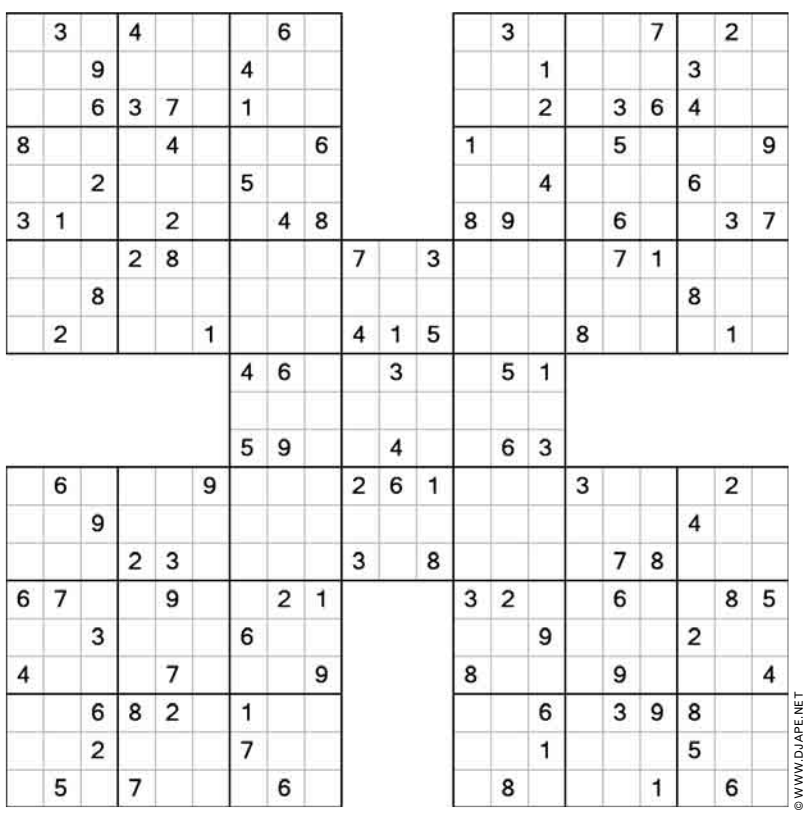

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CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

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					6		7	3
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		3					9	4
8	3		6					
5		2			8	7		
	1				7		3	

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Yesterday's Solution

2	4	6	1	9	3	7	8	5
5	9	7	8	6	4	1	3	2
3	8	1	2	7	5	6	9	4
1	2	8	6	3	9	4	5	7
4	5	9	7	8	1	2	6	3
6	7	3	5	4	2	9	1	8
8	1	5	4	2	6	3	7	9
7	3	4	9	1	8	5	2	6
9	6	2	3	5	7	8	4	1

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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face Q+A time

■ **When stars like Lindsay Lohan**, Mischa Barton and Cameron Diaz tread the red carpet in big shades and goddess-y frocks, they've likely been dressed and accessorized by stylist Rachel Zoe. The fashion Svengali, known for pushing wedge shoes and permatans (and being dumped by client Nicole Richie), just penned the glamazon bible "Style A to Zoe" ($25, Grand Central).

Who are your style heroines?
I gravitate toward '60s and '70s icons — Bianca Jagger, Ali MacGraw, Diane von Furstenberg. They had such an unforced glamour. They were intelligent and beautiful but not generic.

If you could dress any person alive or dead, who would it be?
Honestly, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy was kind of amazing, her whole presence. Or Princess Di. I'd love to see her in a long Alaia with a fishtail hem and a sharp shoulder.

So, how can a girl dress well without a movie-star budget?
My first answer is always vintage or thrift shops. Or you could even go into your grandmother's closet. One big trend this fall is an oversized sweater. So, you could take one of your dad's and belt it.

Are there particular vintage styles that look really stylish right now?
I'm a huge fan of the 1920s. I'm a sucker for fringed and sequined dresses. And I never get sick of old black-and-white Coco Chanel. When I land in Paris, I kind of get into that. You don't have to be one person all the time.

You go for the "wow" when dressing celebs. How come ordinary people won't dress in a "look-at-me" way?
People are scared to take risks. But I think you have to say, "I don't care; I own this look."

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Rachel Zoe

FASHION STYLIST, ART COLLECTOR

What are you wearing these days?
Lots of wide-legged trousers and platforms — I never wear anything less than five inches. I wear a lot of blouson dresses and tops, very 1960s and '70s

How do you get ready for party?
I won't spend more than five minutes deciding what I'm going to wear. Last night, I went to a premiere. I was going to wear a dress, but it started pouring rain, so I put on pants and a leopard-print overcoat.

You went to college at George Washington University?
I lived in D.C. for four years and met my husband working at Washington Harbour. I was a hostess and he was a waiter. We used to hang out at Sequoia. I love D.C. It's got such style.

> "I'm a huge fan of the 1920s. I'm a sucker for fringed dresses."

But now you're a California girl. What's your L.A. place like?
I've tried to create an open and airy feeling. The floors are dark wood, the walls are white, and the rest is photography and fashion books.

What's on the walls?
Works by artists, vintage Vogue covers and pictures of Johnny Depp.

How do you throw parties there?
My parties are very informal. I'm not a huge fan of seated dinners. I have people over for cocktails, and we have lots of candles and a fire pit outside. I create a warm environment. People can hang out as long as they want, sit down or lie down.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY

Music Clubs 101

Love live music? Then you'll surely want to get today's Weekend section for a handy guide to the area's music club scene.

Also in Weekend: A new feature "Dinner Deals" spotlights restaurants that deliver great food at a bargain price. Plus, what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

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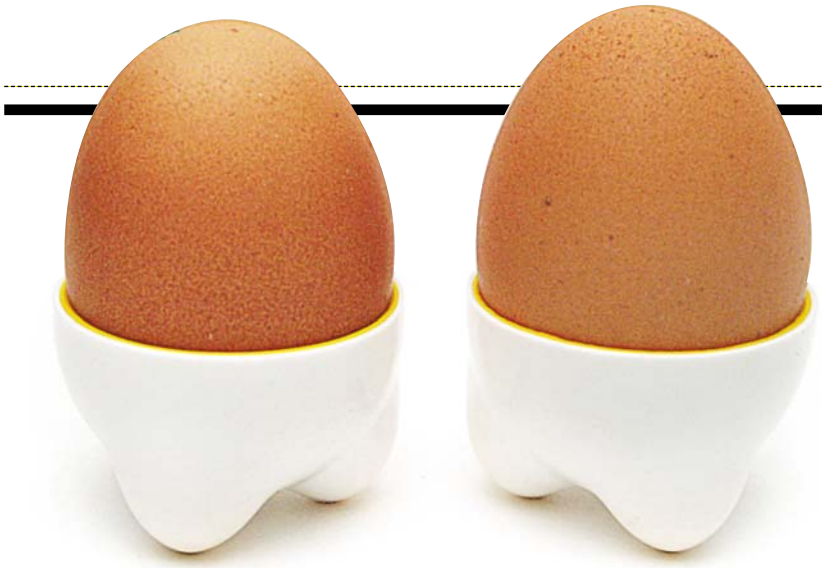


1 Under the Yolk

HUMPTY DUMPTY might have had a softer landing in Egg Pants (two for $20, see Lizkin.com for stores), three-legged cups in flexible PVC. The little guys won creator Liz Kinnmark Design Within Reach's Young Designer Award and will flatter any oeuf, from farm-fresh models to anemic grocery-store denizens. Beware: The urge to draw faces on your eggs will become irresistible. We suggest banana peels as hair.

3 Seeing a Pattern Here

CORNY, SYMPATHY-CARD ROSES and leering cartoon characters cover far too many rolls of wrapping paper. But new, D.C.-based CrinkleCo puts charming prints — green circles surfing in a sea of green, bright-colored mittens dropped on a snowy background — on its present-disguising papers and bags ($5-$7, Crinkleco.com and Whole Foods). Soy inks mean the mid-century color combos are both mod and eco-friendly.

5 A Bolder Holder

ANCIENT ROMAN WALLS, with their crazy-quilt brick patterns, inspired designer Sean Yoo to create his Opus bookshelf ($450, Dwr.com). Modern design gladiators can use the polypropylene beauties to display artifacts. We also like the mad-librarian look they'd lend a collection of paperback novels.

4 Rainbow Connect

HUMAN SKIN comes in more than six colors, though you wouldn't know it from most makeup brands' offerings. Bobbi Brown's Moisturizing Cream Compact Foundation ($40, Bobbibrowncosmetics.com) has 17 shades — and it goes on smooth, leaving faces soft and non-greasy.

2 Spain Thrift

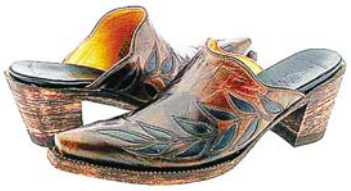
IT COSTS $25 to see wax dummies at Madame Tussauds, but it's free to visit the museum's stylish new neighbor, bargain Spanish clothier Zara (1025 F St. NW; 202-393-2810). Two sleek levels burst with styles for men, kids and women, like this Gothic glam blouse ($89).

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I recently moved to Arizona from a much colder state and took a job in a corporate setting after 20 years in academia. I need shoes to wear with my casual Friday boot-cut jeans; I am a woman of a certain age and would like a hint of bohemianism without appearing to be a crazy old lady. — SHANNON

■ Manolo says, there are so many things going on in this letter the Manolo does not even know where to



start: the move from the cold of the North to the warmth of the South; the change from the mock-free-spiritedness of the academy to the more regimented setting of corporate employment; the desire to maintain one's bohemianosity in the face of creeping bag-ladyism; the boot-cut jeans.

Actually, there is already the suitable model for Southwestern artistic bohemianism, involving prairie denim skirts, and excessive amounts of turquoise geegawery. And while the Manolo's friend might not wish to head too far down this road, the few nods to tradition cannot hurt.

This is why the Manolo would recommend the Muchas Hojas Mule from Old Gringo ($289, Zappos.com). It is handsomely Southwestern without crossing the line into being costumey.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Rose wears a GAP PRODUCT (RED) sweater ($178, Gap.com). **Hair and makeup by Leah Bassett, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Model, CIMA Talent Management. Photo by Marge Ely.**

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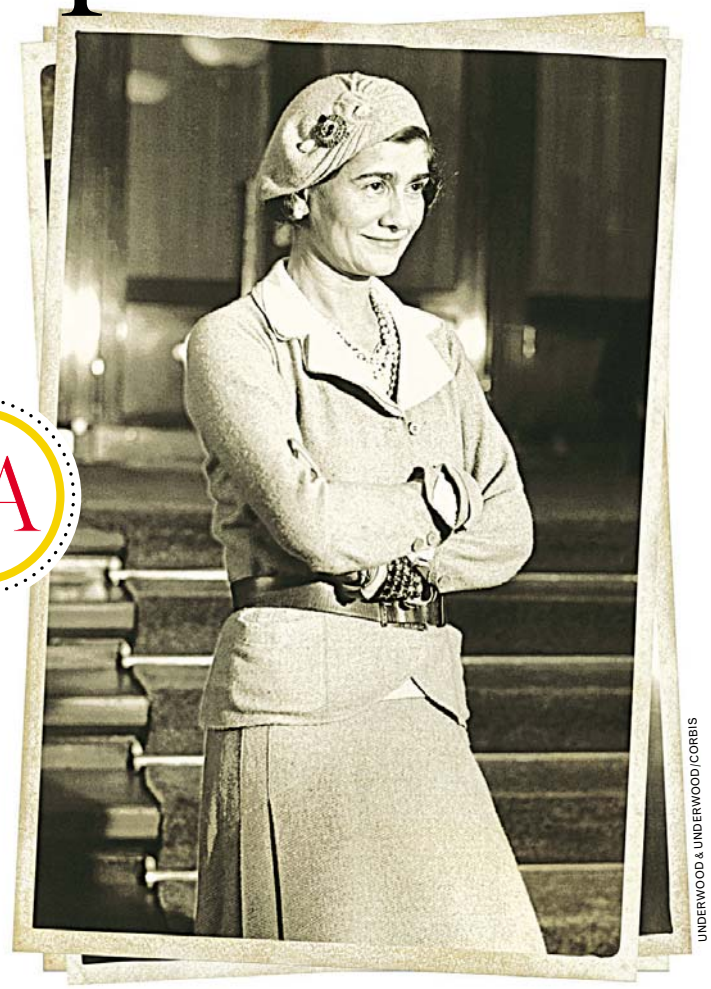
Retro Spectacular

A new book unzips how to wear haute vintage clothes

Q+A

Beaded flapper dresses. A '60s pantsuit in a psychedelic Pucci print. John Paul Gaultier's metal/rubber corset circa 1987. Some of the most style-quaking clothing of the last century catwalks through "Vintage Fashion: Collecting and Wearing Designer Classics 1900-1990" ($40, Collins Design). Emma Baxter-Wright, one of several fashion journos who contributed to the coffee-table tome, told us how to mine yesterday's closets for today's fashion gold.



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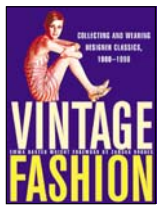
PARIS MATCH: Coco Chanel in a '30s suit. Her older styles are still wearable today.



Vintage seems hotter than ever. Are there any eras that aren't hip?
I don't think Kate Moss is going to turn up at a party in a full, Dior New Look skirt from the '50s. But she would wear a Courrèges minidress from the '60s.

What's the enduring appeal of wearing, well, old clothes?
People are interested in it because the world's become such a homogenized place. There's a Gap in London, a Gap in New York. With vintage, you can always pick up something that's not mass market, that's got a bit of history.

How should a vintage virgin start?
It's like buying art. They should go with what they like. A good thing to start with is accessories. Pick up an interesting hat or handbag.

How do you mix old pieces with new ones?
I think you have to do it quite carefully. A lot of what you'll be driven to will be statement pieces. Like, I've got some silk '60s Pucci blouses, and I wear them with Levi's. And I have a '50s duster coat in a fantastic blue floral print that I put over black pants in the evening.

A 1907 gown, a '40s Lanvin jacket — is some of this stuff so rare and pricey you shouldn't wear it?
No, put it on and have an amazing time! Just be careful cleaning it. You can't just chuck vintage in the washing machine. Take it to a good dry cleaner. And if you find a special piece, store it zipped up in a bag with mothballs.

Which eras and designers seem really worth seeking now?
I'm drawn to the '60s, because things were so dramatic — there was this youth explosion. Mary Quant shift dresses are as wearable now as they were then. And an old '20s slim-lined dress is also nice.

Are there things to watch for when shopping for older clothing?
Obviously, stains, cigarette marks and zippers that don't work. But it depends on how good you are with altering. I'm always happy to change a few buttons or reshape a side seam.

What are some good places to buy vintage fashions?
You keep looking everywhere — vintage fairs, secondhand fairs, even car-boot sales. But if you go online, I'd go to specialist sites [try Antiquedress.com or Thepaperbagprincess.com]. If you buy on eBay, you can't see it firsthand, which can be difficult.

Are their iconic pieces that any retro fashionista needs?
I think from different decades, you get different things — '20s or '30s evening dresses, fantastic prints from the '50s or a simple op-art shift from the '60s. But there will be things you'll want to put in the rubbish bin. I don't think we'll ever need to revisit the knitted caftan.

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KNIT WIT
Girly ruffles and pretty puff sleeves sweeten Marc Jacobs' scarlet button-up. ($328, Cusp, Tysons Corner Center; 703-288-1940)

PURE WRAPTURE
LaRok's cocoon-y coat, in an alpaca blend, may be the softest snuggler of the season. Don with equestrian boots. ($398, Kitson, 310-289-4975)

POP SECRET
Boden's scarf and beret (not shown) duo put the pop in popcorn knit. They'd give a peacoat some playful polish. (hat, $28; scarf, $48, Bodenusa.com)

SNEAKY SWEATER
Knits on kicks are showing up all over — like on these comfy cabled skimmers from Keds. ($39.50, Piperlime.com)

PUFF PIECE
Angelina Jolie's been spotted with Gerard Darel's cuddly pom-pom handbag. ($388, Shoprumor.com)

Knits To Be Tried

As the weather gets chillier, wardrobes get woollier. This season, the sweatery set looks surprisingly fashion-forward, with preppy cables and chunky, funky weaves warming up pieces from ballet flats to bags. Whether slinky or outrageously fuzzy, yarns have been knitted and purled into day dresses, sweet skirts and cozy coats. But fatter stitches dominate, so cuddling up to them can add bulk as well as subtract cold. If you're curvier, stick with fine, ribbed knits. When wearing weighty styles (popcorn-knit tunics, kimono-like wraps) go for skinny jeans and tees underneath. And don't blanket your bod from head to toe: You want hip Swiss miss, not Grandma's afghan. ASHLEY JOY PARKER

RAVEL ROUSER
Knits look their best when worn in luscious layers (Iodice dress, $370, Cusp, Tysons Corner Center; Iisli leggings, Saks Fifth Avenue, $93.90; Aquatalia boots by Marvin K., $355 Piperlime.com; cap, $24 Urban Outfitters)

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WARMING FRIEND
These mittens impart a kitschy, hand-knitted-by-Grandma feeling — without the cheese. ($6.90, H&M)

SNAPPY STRAPS
A peachy cami refreshes amid earth-tone excess. ($75, Mon Petit Oiseau, 323-727-8090; Monpetitoiseau.com)

SUBTLE SPARKLE
Knits aren't always casual: Sequins under silk chiffon garnish Alice + Olivia's cashmere cowl-neck. ($297, Neiman Marcus)

SMOKIN' RIBS
The Mary Tyler Moore vibe of Tory Burch's '70s throwback makes it a fitting upgrade from bland career-woman duds. ($395, Cusp, Tysons Corner Center)

WOOLEN IN WONDERLAND
A whimsical Scandinavian-style lambswool skirt would be adorable with a fitted velvet blazer and knee-high boots. ($148, Anthropologie.com)

PAGING JANE FONDA
Leg warmers over drainpipe jeans say funky street style, not step-aerobics. ($14, Americanapparel.net)

RED-HUED REINDEER
Rudolph stars on a Fair Isle carry-all that would almost make a snowman sweater look cool. ($24.50, Old Navy)

mixed media

BOOKS

Coffee Clutch

■ Long lines at Starbucks signal that we've devolved into Caffiends, a glassy-eyed subspecies of latte-swilling mutants. On our new home planet, Macchiato, **COFFEE: SCRUMPTIOUS DRINKS AND TREATS** ($15, Chronicle) will serve as a lifestyle guide, helping us avoid withdrawal headaches with recipes for Mocha Cheesecake Bars, Irish Coffee-Chocolate Tarts and bizarre-sounding Old-Fashioned Coffee Sodas spiked with — what else? — Kahlua. J.B.

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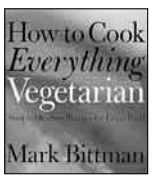
A Beet Poet



■ In his New York Times column, food know-it-all Mark Bittman tells how to whip up dishes from apple pie to bone-marrow salad. He applies his simple, almost Hemingway-esque prose to **HOW TO COOK EVERYTHING VEGETARIAN** ($35, Wiley), a 996-page tome with recipes for no-meat treats like Chickpea Fondue and Frozen Honey Mousse. Easy directions, menu ideas and symbols indicating quick and/or vegan recipes make it worth hoisting this doorstop onto your kitchen counter. J.B.

event horizon

Bite into talks by chefs (Paula Deen, Barton Seaver), wine tastings and showcases of goods like artisanal cocoa at the Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show. Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Nov. 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets $20. D.C. Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Pl. NW.

The Grape Crusades

How to pair any food with wine for a truly buzzy bash

Why did the chicken flee screaming across the road? It might've been escaping the dinner-party host trying to fry him and serve him with, yawn, a bottle of chardonnay.

Matching vino and vittles for your next bash doesn't have to be a "Wine for Dummies" affair relying on tried-and-tired combos (steak with Merlot, fish and Pinot Grigio). But combining tidbits that are supposedly wine-averse — Indian take-out, chips, breakfast — might mean you'll uncork some interesting bottles.

"In Europe, wine culture is quite developed, so it's common and easy to simply pair white with fish or things like that," says New York wine writer Tyler Colman, who blogs at Drvino.com. "In America, our cuisine is quite different. We've created things that are harder to match."

Colman even posts seemingly impossible wine foods — falafel sandwiches, chili con carne — on his site and lets oenophile readers duke it out over what'd go best. (Consensus? A medium-bodied white for the former; a red or sparkler for the latter.)

There are as many ideas about which foods to eat with which wines as there are expensive B&Bs in Napa. But it helps to keep a few rules in mind when pairing non-trad dishes with fruits of the vineyards. "The most important thing is the weight and intensity of the dish," says Andrew Stover, sommelier at Oya (777 9th St. NW). "It's best to match full-bodied wines with full-bodied cuisine or vice versa."

At the restaurant, Stover serves sushi (nope, it's not just for sake anymore) with either dry or semi-dry crisp whites like Austrian Grüner Veltliner or Spanish Xarmant Txakolina 2006, a lip-smacking Basque treat. The idea is to not overpower the variety of tastes in the rolls — sticky rice, salty salmon, maybe spicy mayo.

BUBBLE SHOOTING: Though champagne is better known for hanging with caviar, it can also taste delicious with salty potato chips.

MARGE ELY/EXPRESS

Using wine to counterbalance food's flavors can result in such surprising buffet bedfellows as salty potato chips and dry champagne. "That swarm of bubbles refreshes your palate and makes the next chip taste good," says Natalie MacLean, a Canadian sommelier and author of "Red, White and Drunk All Over" ($15, Bloomsbury). "It really varies the tastes and flavors."

Sweet dessert wines, while usually partnered with creme brulees and plum tarts, can also cut through the richness of red meat or charcuterie. "I had a breakfast party where we served sausages with sauternes [syrupy sweet French dessert wine]," says Sebastian Zutant, sommelier at Proof (775 G St. NW). "It's that salty-sweet idea."

While matchy-matchy is a no-no in fashion, it can sometimes work wonders with wine and food. Zutant recently put a super-buttery chardonnay with an eggplant and goat cheese panini at Proof. The rich flavors worked in concert, "like pairing fat and grease," he says. MacLean likes baked beans with tawny port. "I've got a trailer-trash heart. The beans and port have similar flavors of caramel and almonds. It's all soft and round."

Even oddball dishes with lots of conflicting, grape-stomping flavors (hot dogs and sauerkraut, spicy Thai noodles) can be tamed by decanting something with residual sweetness, say an off-dry reisling or a vouvray.

This week, Colman and several other wine writers each brought a wine to test with kebabs and curries at an East Side Indian restaurant. Sure enough, slightly sweet white wines won the taste-off. "Off-dry whites and bubbles tend to be good omnibus wines," says Colman. "They can absorb salt and spice."

"It's intimidating to go off the beaten path," says Troy Bock, wine director at Sonoma (223 Pennsylvania Ave. SE) and Mendocino Grille (2917 M St. NW). "But if you match two flavors you like, it often works." His fave odd coupling? Chocolate cake and Syrah.

Yet some snacks will never meet their match. "I'm still experimenting with Mars Bars and Smarties," says MacLean. And while pork rinds and a Pinot Gris might taste OK together, the spicy white is far yummier with pork barbecue.

"I don't think KFC's bowl of potatoes and chicken pairs with wine," says Colman. "But we've started to have a conversation in America about pairing non-traditional food with wine. We don't have to be mired in a Merlot morass."

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1. "Hunter S. Thompson. I like his work," Kent Tittle. **2. "The Burger King, because I like to creep people out,"** Brian Shiler, left. **"Wendy,"** Sean Siro. **3. "Britney Spears, because she's lame,"** Jacki Mowroy, left. **"Uma Thurman from 'Pulp Fiction.' It's unusual,"** Kat Torrel. **4. "Costume? What costume?"** Andy Ludwig. **5. "The St. Pauli girl,"** Tricia Kane, left. **"Southern comfort, because I'm from Georgia,"** Jessie Cochran, center. **"Black and Tan,"** Noble Stafford. **6. "I'm a champion!"** Alexander Tuneski. **7. "Britney and K-Fed. We're in a custody battle,"** Andrew Soebos and Maria Guidetti. **8. "Fred Flintstone, because he knows how to party,"** Adrian Hirtline. **"A Playboy Bunny kickball player, because I'm hoppin',"** Kristi St. Peter. **9. "I'm a firefighter, because I'm hot!"** Amy Staub.

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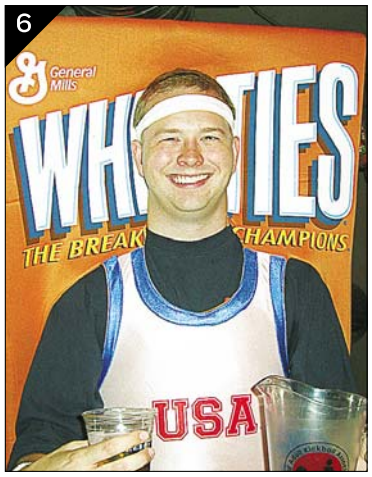

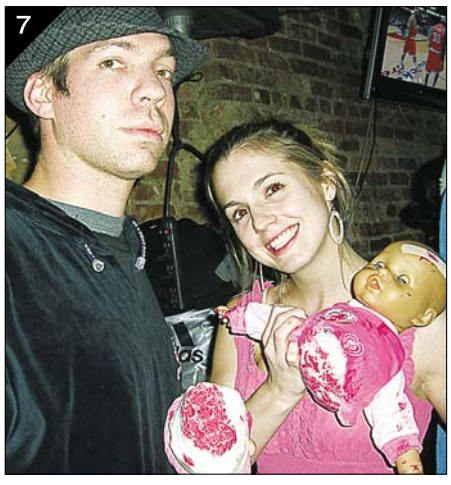

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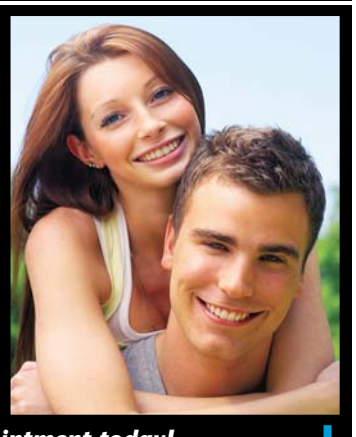

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Rachna Bhutani, Hari Ramaswamy

Rachna, 33, is an attorney. Hari, 32, works in IT development. They live in Gaithersburg.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal Indian ceremony in Fairfax on Nov. 16. "I'm North Indian, and Hari is South Indian," says Rachna, so North and South Hindu priests will simultaneously conduct the service. A reception at a Manassas manor will be held the following day.

■ **How They Met:** On the Indian dating Web site Shaadi.com.

■ **First Impressions:** "I felt an immediate attraction," says Rachna. "I was looking for a spark, and I felt it the moment I saw her," says Hari.

■ **First Date:** Coffee at Starbucks in Tysons Corner turned into shopping, then dinner. "What was supposed to be a half-hour date ended up being almost all day at the mall," says Rachna.

■ **How He Proposed:** After ring shopping together that morning, Hari popped the question in front of a water fountain at a Fairfax park.

■ **The Dress:** Rachna will wear a red lehenga, a traditional embroidered Indian gown. Her hands, arms and feet will be decorated with henna.

■ **Mmmm, Cake:** Vanilla with lemon mousse and buttercream frosting. "It's all we could agree on," they say.

■ **With an Infinite Budget:** As a wedding favor, the couple is donating money to OPEN and Dishaa, two charities founded by pals that provide education for needy kids. "We would give even more," says Hari.

"When he talked about marriage, I got excited, not scared."

Say a Lil' Prayer for You

It's fitting that **UGOCHI ANYANWU** and **JAMES AKOI JR.** chose Newsong's "When God Made You" as their song — after all, they met in a church Bible study class. "He was a new member and I said hello," recalls Ugochi. Following a Christmas Eve service, the duo dined at the Cheesecake Factory; it was clear they would become more than good friends.

The pair will wed at that same fateful church in Hyattsville on Nov. 17. Ugochi will walk down the aisle to gospel music at the formal ceremony, and the reception promises to be one happening party. The 650 guests will carouse until 2:30 a.m. The couple will celebrate James' Liberian and Ugochi's Nigerian backgrounds by changing into traditional African attire, as well as incorporating "the presentation of the kola nut" (a Nigerian welcoming ceremony).

Ugochi, 25, is a Spanish instructor at a D.C. public charter school. James, 28, is an accounting specialist at a biotech firm. They will live in Gaithersburg after they wed.

Lesley Sedgwick, Michael Simmons

Lesley, 29, is an executive assistant. Michael, 30, is a law library technician. They live in Temple Hills.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony and reception on March 15 in D.C. Mike's priest will officiate and the couple will jump the broom. Lesley will walk to "My Love, Sweet Love" by Patti Labelle.

■ **How They Met:** At the Southern Avenue Metro station. "I said, 'I thought you were cute until I saw that horrible Redskins jersey,'" says Lesley, a Cowboys fan.

■ **First Date:** Outback Steakhouse.

■ **How He Proposed:** Mike had the ring sent to his parents' house to surprise her, but Lesley discovered his proposal plans by being there when the package arrived. "For days, I was on pins and needles," she says. He caught her off-guard when she was having a bad hair day. "I wouldn't let anyone take pictures," she says.

"I call Mike 'Sparky.' He hates it, but he answers to it."

■ **Their Song:** "Kiss" by Prince.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "His Redskins jerseys," says Lesley. "I can't believe I'm marrying a Redskins fan." "Her Cowboys jerseys," says Michael.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "I'm afraid I'll fall down because my gown is very heavy when it's bustled," says Lesley.

■ **With an Infinite Budget:** "An open bar, king crab legs and a destination wedding for everyone," says Michael. "I would get married in front of the Eiffel Tower," says Lesley.

Amanda Bartelme, Jim Holmberg

Amanda, 31, is a health policy consultant at Avalere Health. Jim, 31, is an associate director at Navigant Consulting. They live in Chinatown.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal Catholic ceremony and reception on Dec. 1 in Philadelphia. "It is important to us to be married in the Church," says the couple.

■ **How They Met:** Amanda was in D.C. visiting a former college roommate, who introduced her to Jim.

■ **First Date:** Drinks at Bungalow Billiards in Shirlington.

■ **How He Proposed:** Jim picked Amanda up from work and suggested a quick bite. As she was ready to dash out the door he said, "OK, just one thing before we leave."

■ **When He Knew:** "We were stuck in rush-hour traffic on I-395. I realized there was no place I'd rather be," says Jim.

■ **Their Song:** Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road." "It was playing in my truck when we first kissed," says Jim.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "His horrible Buffalo Bills Zubaz, those zebra-esque print pants that were all the rage in the late '80s."

■ **Making It Unique:** "One of our ring bearers is my 7-year-old niece," says Amanda. In lieu of favors, the couple will make a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. "My oldest sister and I have Type 1," says Amanda. "We're big supporters."

■ **Family Tradition:** "My sisters say that immediately before Dad walks me down the aisle, he'll give me an out and volunteer to walk me out the back door if I'm having second thoughts. I don't think I'll take him up on the offer."

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